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DECEMBER 13, 1941

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE 9/14/87 BY sp7mac/bld

CAPTAIN JAMES ROOSEVELT OF THE OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION HAS RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM NEIL S. MCCARTHY WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH CECIL DEMILLE ADVISING ME THAT DEMILLE IS DESIROUS OF ORGANIZING AND HEADING FBI UNIT AMONG THE STUDIOS AND THROUGHOUT PICTURE INDUSTRY AND TO FINANCE IT IF NECESSARY. DEMILLE ASKED FOR MY APPROVAL OF THIS AND STATED THAT IF SUCH APPROVAL WAS GIVEN HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD WORK UNDER THE FBI AND THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THIS SERVICE. I HAVE INFORMED CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT THAT I APPRECIATE DEEPLY THE VERY GENEROUS AND PATRIOTIC OFFER MADE BY DEMILLE BUT AT THE PRESENT TIME IT DOES NOT SEEM NECESSARY FOR US TO AVAIL OURSELVES OF IT AS WE HAVE THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND. I HAVE INFORMED CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT THAT HE MAY STATE TO DEMILLE THAT I HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH YOU AS AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AND HAVE ASKED YOU CONFER WITH DEMILLE IN ORDER THAT THE APPROPRIATE CONTACT IS ESTABLISHED AND THAT WE UTILIZE ANY OF DEMILLE'S SERVICES OR CONTACTS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY IN ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PRESENT EMERGENCY. PLEASE CONTACT DEMILLE

IN LINE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND OF COURSE HANDLE THE SITUATION

FACTFULLY. I DO NOT THINK THE PRESENT SITUATION WARRANTS THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY SO-CALLED AUXILIARY OF THE FBI BUT AT THE SAME

TIME I DO NOT WISH TO OFFEND DEMILLE AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM FEEL

THAT WE WILL CALL ON HIM IN THE EVENT HIS OFFER CAN BE UTILIZED.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California  
December 22, 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype of December 13, 1941, advising that I should immediately contact CECIL E. DeMILLE, to whom Captain JAMES ROOSEVELT and NEIL S. McCARTHY referred, indicating that he was desirous of organizing and heading an F.B.I. Unit among the studios and throughout the picture industry.

By appointment on December 16, 1941, I called upon MR. DeMILLE at his studio office in company with Inspector M. E. GURNEA, who was then in Los Angeles. A lengthy conversation was had with MR. DeMILLE and he stated that he had been of some assistance to the Government during the last war and he felt that he had a rather unique position in the industry in view of the fact he has been in it for over twenty-five years, and he wanted to do everything possible to assist the Government at the present time. I outlined the present situation from the Bureau's point of view in so far as receiving assistance from outside individuals is concerned, and stressed the fact that you would be very pleased to receive information from MR. DeMILLE and his associates, and that a definite set-up of contacts could be established within his picture organization which, if entirely satisfactory, could be enlarged to extend to other studios. The general approach and set-up is identical to that followed by the Bureau in handling informants in any national defense industry. It was pointed out that contacts should be developed in the various departments of the studio and that contact would be had with them, but they very definitely would not be making investigations and would have no official connection with the Bureau.

MR. DeMILLE was very receptive to the entire plan as outlined by me and MR. GURNEA, and is preparing a list of the various departments in his organization and considering the men he believes to be reliable and who can be contacted in this regard.

MR. DeMILLE spoke very highly of the work that you are doing with the Bureau and I am sure the situation can be worked out to the advantage of the Bureau. He is very agreeable to any

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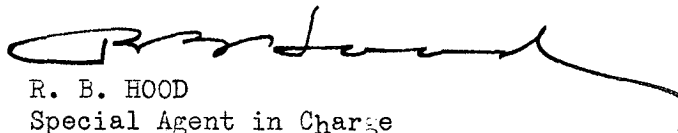
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suggestions which we made to him, and he will not be out of line seeking publicity or notoriety. I believe this is a very worthwhile venture and will give it my personal attention so that it may be handled to your complete satisfaction.

Very truly yours,



R. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

RBH:hk



PJW:AJ

January 7, 1942

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. R. B. Hood  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
900 Security Building  
Los Angeles, California

RE: CECIL B. DeMILLE;  
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS;  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS.

Dear Sir:

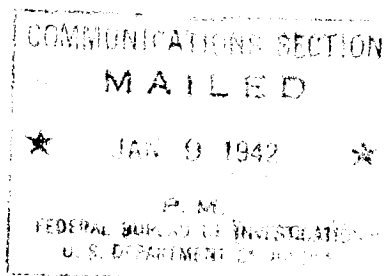
Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter dated December 22, 1941, regarding your interview with Mr. Cecil B. DeMille, wherein you advised that DeMille has offered his services and studio facilities to the Bureau in connection with national defense matters.

I wish to emphatically point out that this is a most important contact and every effort must be expended by you to formulate a workable plan wherein the services and facilities of Mr. DeMille will be fully developed and exploited in connection with the Special Service project outlined to you in Bureau letter dated December 24, 1941, to all Special Agents in Charge. I desire that you give this your personal supervision in order that Mr. DeMille's services and facilities may be used to the best possible advantage. Every endeavor should be made by you to survey the national defense cases presently under investigation in your Office and to seek out as many subjects and situations as possible which can be properly and adequately handled by Mr. DeMille and his associates. This matter is extremely important and must necessarily be given adequate thought and consideration.

I desire that you advise me by return mail the present status of this particular matter. In the same connection, you are requested to set forth in this communication the home address of Mr. DeMille, his official title, his business address, together with his home and business telephone numbers, and an account of any assignments given him for investigative purposes with the date or dates on which these assignments were made.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**  
**January 13, 1942**

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR MESSRS.:

CARSON *[initials]*  
ALDEN *[initials]* KIMBALL *[initials]*  
CUNNINGHAM *[initials]* KRAMER *[initials]*  
FITCH *[initials]* STRICKLAND *[initials]*  
HOLLOMAN *[initials]* TIMM *[initials]*

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS;  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS.

From time to time persons of prominence in various fields of endeavor have offered their services to the Bureau in connection with the national emergency. The Director is very anxious to make arrangements to utilize the services and facilities of these individuals in connection with national defense matters, not only for the purpose of securing information but to develop and foster the friendship of these individuals toward the Bureau.

The Special Agents in Charge throughout the field have been notified to make every effort to seek out matters which may be given to these individuals for investigative activity. Obviously, if the Bureau does not take advantage of the services of these individuals they undoubtedly will devote their energies in other directions, resulting in the loss of considerable good will toward the Bureau. With this in mind a desk has been created in the National Defense Division known as the Special Service Contacts Desk, under the supervision of Mr. P. J. Wacks. In connection with this matter, there is presently being maintained an index containing the names of these individuals whom the Bureau believes can be relied upon to carry out any assignment given to them for investigative purposes. This index is broken down alphabetically, geographically and by occupation of these individuals.

Typical of the persons whose services are presently being utilized are the following:

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[redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, has offered to devote his time and his band [redacted] in any situation wherein his services may be of assistance. [redacted] recently obtained a position in a Chicago night club for an individual who allegedly is a Nazi agent. The Bureau has been able to fully cover the activities and contacts of this individual through the above arrangement.

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[redacted] well known [redacted] Hollywood, California, has offered his time and studio facilities to the Bureau. He has taken into his confidence a few of his intimate and trusted associates to carry out any assignment the Bureau desires to give him. Undoubtedly [redacted] and his associates are in a splendid position to obtain information concerning any individual connected with the moving picture industry.

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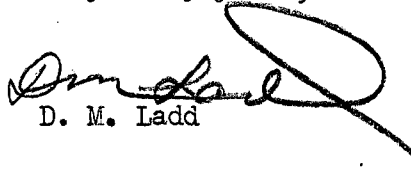
[redacted]  
and New York City, has been assigned several matters for investigative purposes involving individuals traveling in high society circles in New York City and Florida.

[redacted] has offered his services to the Bureau. He recently obtained a position in an outstanding night club in New York City for a subject in an Italian espionage case. This particular "setup" affords full coverage of the individual's activities and contacts.

These are but a few examples of the individuals whose services are presently being utilized. There are other prominent individuals in the newspaper and hotel business, the financial world, the stage, screen and other walks of life, who are presently assisting the Bureau in connection with the national emergency.

I wish to emphatically point out that it will be the individual responsibility of each supervisor in the National Defense Division to seek out matters which can be adequately handled by these individuals. It is desired that you discuss this matter in detail with the supervisors in your respective units at your next conference.

Very truly yours,

  
D. M. Ladd

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Los Angeles, California  
January 22, 1942

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Carson ✓  
Mr. Coffey ✓  
Mr. Hendon ✓  
Mr. Holloman ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: CECIL B. DeMILLE  
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 7, 1942, referring to my communication to the Bureau of December 22, 1941, with reference to an interview with CECIL B. DeMILLE. I have been in touch with MR. DeMILLE several times by telephone and had a lengthy personal interview on January 20, 1942. I outlined to him the Bureau's policy in connection with the establishment of special service contacts and he most willingly agreed to be of assistance. At this time I furnished him with sufficient information in the case entitled "LUCY LUDMILLA CHEREKOVA, with aliases, ET AL. ESPIONAGE," and requested that he ascertain information relative to the present activities of the Subject named. He has already advised me that he has made arrangements for her to be taken out socially with an appropriate contact and she will call at his office personally within several days to discuss the possibility of appearing in a motion picture which MR. DeMILLE is now producing. He may give her some days' work in an effort to have her activities observed at the studio.

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MR. DeMILLE resides at 2010 DeMille Drive, Hollywood, telephone OLYMPIA 2981, unlisted residence, telephone HOLLYWOOD 7054. MR. DeMILLE has his business office in his home and conducts most of his assignments from there. He has a suite of offices at the Paramount Studios at 5451 Marathon, telephone HOLLYWOOD 2411. It is desirable, however, to locate him usually at his residence and office in his residence. In my presence he instructed his

[redacted] that she should immediately communicate with him when he is not in or out of the city at any time I desire to reach him.

MR. DeMILLE expressed to me his desire to be of assistance during the present emergency and is highly pleased at the opportunity to render service, and I believe that he is the type of individual who will do so graciously and without unfavorable personal reflection which many persons in Hollywood would do if they were in a similar position. I will keep you advised of the developments in this particular case, and arrangements are being made for other assignments to be given to him.

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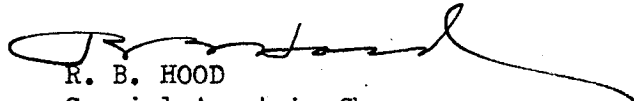
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January 22, 1942

RE: CECIL B. DeMILLE  
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

MR. DeMILLE heads his own organization, which is known as Cecil B. DeMille Productions, Inc. He uses facilities of the Paramount Studios, who actually make his motion pictures. I will find out more in the future about his association with this major company. MR. DeMILLE turned over to me a complete list of the various departments on the studio lot with the names of the heads of many of them, and other responsible individuals thereon, which will be the basis for the development of a system of confidential informants within the studio. Extreme care must be taken in the selection of these individuals and emphasis will be placed on quality rather than quantity, as many people in this field obviously, while in a position to obtain information, will not make desirable contacts or informants because of their personal activities and desire for notoriety and inability to keep confidential information they might obtain. I will keep you advised of the developments of this particular project.

Very truly yours,

  
R. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

RBH:hk

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California  
January 29, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 12, 1942,  
to the New York Field Division, a copy of which was sent to me, with  
reference to the above project.

[redacted]  
Residence address, [redacted] Hollywood, California;  
Telephone number, Olympia 2981, and Hollywood 7054, unlisted;  
Occupation, [redacted]  
Business address, [redacted] Hollywood, California, and b7C  
Paramount Studios [redacted] Hollywood;  
Business telephone [redacted] and [redacted] unlisted,  
and [redacted]

[redacted] is a very [redacted]  
[redacted] and is a man of high calibre and reputation. He  
has been a producer for over 25 years and is thoroughly familiar with  
all phases of the motion picture industry and well-acquainted with  
its many types of personalities. He is in a position to obtain most  
any information relative to motion picture personages, particularly  
the more outstanding ones. He is able to obtain this information on  
actors and executives alike.

[redacted]  
Residence address, [redacted] Hollywood, California;  
Telephone number, [redacted] unlisted;  
Occupation, [redacted]  
Business address, 20th Century Fox Studios, 10201 West Pico Boulevard,  
Beverly Hills, California;  
Business telephone, [redacted]

[redacted] personally known  
to you, who is very popular with news reporters all over the United  
States, and he has been all over the country. He has many contacts  
in all walks of life, this as a result of his wide writing experiences.  
He is able to obtain information with reference to people in the news-  
paper publication fields, and since coming to California and writing  
for the motion picture companies, he has many contacts in this field.  
He is also capable of obtaining information concerning underworld charac-  
ters in view of his numerous newspaper contacts.

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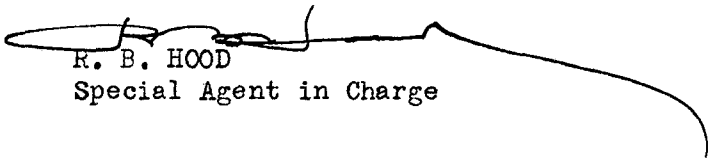
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January 29, 1942

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

An appointment is now pending with  of b7C  
radio fame, and the information concerning them, and their assignments, will be submitted to the Bureau in a separate communication in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

  
R. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

February 7, 1942

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT PROJECT;  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS.

Since the inauguration of the Special Service Contact Project an index of prominent individuals, who have offered their services to the Bureau, has been maintained.

The index is broken down alphabetically, geographically and by various fields of endeavor. These cards contain the individuals' names, home and business addresses, together with their telephone numbers, the date on which they offered their services, the type of information they are in a position to obtain, the name of the interested field office and the assignments given to these individuals.

The creation of this Project has been brought to the attention of all Special Agents in Charge and all Supervisors in the National Defense Division with appropriate instructions to seek out matters which can be adequately handled by these contacts for investigative purposes and to foster the good will and friendship of these individuals toward the Bureau. All Special Agents in Charge and Supervisors in Division Five have been advised that it is their individual responsibility to make this Project an active one rather than a mere maintenance of a name index.

To date, numerous investigative matters have been assigned to these individuals whose services we believe can be used to good advantage in connection with this particular Project.

The following is a brief summary of some of the more prominent individuals to whom assignments have been given:

[Redacted] New York City, Bureau of Investigation, is acquainted with numerous prominent individuals in New York City and is in a position to obtain considerable information. She has been requested to obtain information concerning the activities of Countess Elizabeth Furstenburg, with aliases, and Madame Rosette Reine, both of New York City.

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[redacted] 859 Eighth Avenue,  
New York City, has offered to render any assistance possible. His company is the holding company for the Hearst magazines, newspaper and real estate holdings. [redacted] is a personal friend of the Director and is in an excellent position to obtain considerable information concerning any individual who may be associated with the Hearst organization.

[redacted] [redacted] New York City, is the representative of the Rockefeller interests in New York City. He has offered to be of any assistance which he or his organization may render. To date, [redacted] has been requested to ascertain information concerning various firms located in Rockefeller Center, New York City, as well as several individuals connected with the firms. [redacted] reports have been very good and he undoubtedly will make an excellent contact.

[redacted] [redacted] New York City, is a [redacted] associated with the New York Daily Mirror and publishes items concerning the activities of various night clubs in greater New York under the byline of [redacted]

[redacted] He also writes a syndicated article appearing in various newspapers in the United States. [redacted] is a well known figure in the night life of Broadway and is known in the best as well as the worst places of entertainment in New York City. He has been given several assignments to date particularly one concerning Fifi of the Monte Carlo night club in New York City and other individuals who frequent similar spots. The New York Office has advised that his reports have been satisfactory.

[redacted] is a well known [redacted] New York City. She is familiar with various Broadway characters and is obtaining information concerning wealthy refugees who frequent Spivy's, a rather well known rendezvous in New York City.

[redacted] [redacted] Bergdorf-Goodman, Fifth Avenue, New York City. [redacted] is reputedly one of the best known merchants on upper Fifth Avenue. He has

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a number of excellent contacts in the social world both in the United States and Cuba. To date he has obtained information concerning Countess Rosette Reine and Aimee Lopez De Sotto Maior. In view of his Cuban connections, the New York Office is attempting to arrange some assignment wherein he will be of assistance concerning activities in Cuba.

[redacted] New York City, is one of the wealthier women in the New York City area and is an [redacted] a Special Service Contact, presently residing in Palm Beach, Florida. [redacted] is very prominent in social circles in New York City and is in a good position to obtain information concerning individuals who travel in high society. No assignment has been given to her to date.

[redacted] Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, 65 Liberty Street, New York City, has offered assistance to the Bureau in any way possible. [redacted] services will undoubtedly be utilized by the New York Office as soon as some matter is found for his investigative attention. It is believed that in view of [redacted] position he could be of considerable assistance to the Bureau.

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o [redacted] [redacted] New York, is a well known [redacted] and has a wide circle of socially prominent friends. He is well known in art circles. He has been given two assignments to date and the information he has gathered has been satisfactory. It is believed that [redacted] can obtain considerable information concerning individuals interested in art or who travel in the more fashionable society in [redacted] and New York City.

[redacted] [redacted] New York City, edits the column [redacted] which appears in the New York Post and other newspapers throughout the United States. His contacts are principally with the night club and Cafe Society groups in New York City. He has been given several assignments, the results of which have been satisfactory.

[redacted] Larchmont, New York, [redacted]  
of Steiner, Rouse & Company, New York City. He is  
[redacted] Assistant Director Harold Nathan and  
has been used from time to time as a contact of the  
New York Office. He is well known in Westchester  
County, New York, and could be of considerable assistance  
in investigations in that area. He has been given  
an assignment to obtain information concerning Walter C.  
Gibson, associated with Hentz and Company of New York  
City, members of the New York Stock exchange.

o [redacted] [redacted] New York City, is probably  
the most [redacted] in New York. He has  
numerous business and social contacts and has been  
given several assignments, two of which concern  
Maria Markin and Countess Mary H. Roberti. The  
latter is the wife of Count Roberti, the Italian  
Ambassador to Mexico. b7C

[redacted] [redacted] New York City, [redacted]  
of the New York Herald Tribune and is in a position  
to obtain considerable information through channels  
utilized by the regular employees of her staff. This  
information can be obtained in such a manner as not  
to divulge the fact that it is being sought by the  
FBI. [redacted] has been given several assignments  
to date and her work has been most satisfactory.

o [redacted] New Yorker Hotel. New York City, is a well known  
[redacted] He has numerous contacts  
throughout the theatrical field. He has been given  
several assignments by the New York Office and his  
work to date has been satisfactory.

[redacted] Park Central Hotel. New York City, is a well known  
[redacted]  
[redacted] as well as the [redacted] of several  
[redacted] He has been given several assignments  
concerning persons connected with the Columbia  
Broadcasting Company and his reports concerning the  
same have been excellent. [redacted] is to be used by the  
New York Office in the investigations concerning  
individuals prominent in the literary and radio world.

[redacted] is [redacted] Overseas Press Club of America, 541 Lexington Avenue, New York City. She has considerable contacts in New York City in connection with her work with the Overseas Press Club of America and the New York Office contemplates giving her assignments for investigative purposes.

[redacted] Hotel Great Northern, New York City, is one of the better known [redacted] in the United States and has had a very successful career as a singer. At one time [redacted] Metropolitan Opera Company and has given numerous concerts throughout the United States and abroad. He is a member of the Dutch Treat Club of New York, composed of a very prominent group of newspapermen, magazine editors, publicity men, etc. [redacted] has been given four assignments to date and the reports of his investigations have been excellent. He is presently working on several matters and is considered the most productive Special Service Contact in the New York Office at the present time.

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[redacted] Hollywood, California, is a very [redacted] and has been engaged in theatrical work for over twenty-five years. He is in a position to obtain information relative to motion picture personages, especially the more outstanding individuals in the theatrical business. He recently was requested to obtain information concerning Lucy Ludmilla Cherekova, an alleged espionage agent. [redacted] has made arrangements to have Cherekova escorted to social gatherings and has interviewed her concerning a possible small part in a motion picture he is presently producing. It is believed that through the proper cultivation of [redacted] acquaintance, the Los Angeles Office will be in an excellent position to obtain information concerning individuals in this industry.

[redacted] better known as the [redacted] were recently interviewed by the Los Angeles Office and

efforts are presently being made to find some matter in which they can be of assistance to the Bureau. They are, as you know, well known throughout the entertainment field and are in an excellent position to obtain information concerning individuals in this particular walk of life.

[redacted] above-mentioned. [redacted]

[redacted] Bergdorf-Goodman Department Store [redacted]

[redacted] The New York Office is presently seeking some situation which can be given to him for investigative purposes. It is believed that in view of his business and social contacts, his services will be most productive in connection with any matter given to him.

[redacted] Winnetka, Illinois, [redacted]

and entertainer, has offered the entire facilities of his band in any type of investigation which the Bureau might request of him. The Chicago Office is in close touch with [redacted] and is making every effort to seek out matters which he can adequately handle.

[redacted] Palm Beach, Florida, is well b7C

known in social circles in New York City and Florida. She has been given several assignments by the Miami Office regarding individuals who travel in high society circles. [redacted] is highly enthusiastic in these assignments and undoubtedly is in a good position to obtain considerable information for the Bureau.

[redacted] Hotel Association, 41 East 57th

Street, New York City, is in a position to obtain information concerning various individuals associated with hotels throughout New York City. To date he has been given one assignment and the New York Office is seeking out other assignments which he can handle.

[redacted] Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., is associated with the Washington Times Herald but in view of difficulties existing between him and the owner he does not perform any work on behalf of the newspaper. He was given an assignment to determine the source of a newspaper article which appeared in the Washington Times Herald and the Chicago Tribune on December 4, 1941, regarding the President's war plans. To date the information he has obtained regarding this situation has been satisfactory.

0 [redacted] [redacted] Hollywood, California, is presently affiliated with the 20th Century Fox Studios in Beverly Hills, California. He is a [redacted] and is able to obtain information regarding people in the newspaper and publication fields, as well as the motion picture industry. He is also capable of obtaining information concerning underworld characters in view of his numerous newspaper contacts. Several matters have been given to [redacted] for his attention. b7C

These are but a few of the more prominent individuals whose services have been utilized to date. This particular project will be vigorously pursued so that the various fields offices will give this matter continuous attention whereby the services of these individuals will be exploited to the fullest extent. It is believed that a great deal of valuable information can be obtained by these individuals in view of their prominence in their respective fields of endeavor which otherwise could not be obtained through ordinary channels.

Respectfully,

  
  
D. M. Ladd

Cecil B. De Mille

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February 16, 1942

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. R. B. Hood  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
900 Security Building  
Los Angeles, California

RE: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS;  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to our telephonic conversation of February 3, 1942, wherein you were advised that Charles Pattijohn had informed me that [REDACTED] Beverly Hills, California, was very anxious to be of service to the Bureau during the present emergency.

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You will recall that I advised you to arrange an appointment with [REDACTED] and work out an arrangement similar to the arrangement which you have with Mr. Cecil B. DeMille.

I desire that you advise me not later than February 23, 1942, regarding the results of this particular interview.

Very truly yours;

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



Los Angeles, California

March 13, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: [redacted]  
Special Service Contact  
Internal Security

Dear Sir:

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I wish to advise that [redacted] has submitted me a rather comprehensive report on JOSE ITURBI, who is the subject of an investigation in this office.

[redacted] has cooperated very well in connection with this program, and is most anxious to render assistance.

Very truly yours,

RBH:OWS

R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California

March 18, 1942

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Carson ✓  
Mr. Coffey ✓  
Mr. Hendon ✓  
Mr. Pennington ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓  
Lila ✓  
C. J. ✓

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS;  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of February 13, 1942 with reference to the submission of a brief summary of those individuals prominent in their respective fields, who have offered their services in connection with the present emergency. At the present time, the following individuals are being regarded as special service contacts in this office:



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The above individuals represent those in the most favorable positions to be of assistance in connection with this program. In addition to the above, the only individual who I believe is of sufficient potential value as a special service contact is [redacted] & Company [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

Other individuals in the motion picture industry have offered their services. However, there are leaders of the industry represented in the above-named group, and it is not believed desirable to have additional ones in this field. Efforts are being made to enlarge the program at the present time.

Very truly yours,

RBH:CWS

R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. E. B. Hood  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
900 Security Building  
Los Angeles, California

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS  
NATIONAL DEFENSE ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 18, 1942, informing that the following individuals are being used by your office as Special Service Contacts in connection with the above captioned project:



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A review of the Bureau's files fails to indicate that you have previously informed the Bureau that Reese Taylor is being used by your office as a Special Service Contact and that the Bureau was furnished with the necessary information concerning his background, residence address, residence telephone number, business address, business telephone number, the date he offered his services and the type of services he is able to render as set forth in Bureau letter dated January 12, 1942, addressed to the New York Office, copies of which were also furnished your office, captioned Special Service Contacts. It is, therefore, desired that you furnish this information to the Bureau in order that an appropriate record of his qualifications may be maintained at the Seat of Government.

With reference to [redacted] Los Angeles, California, also mentioned in your letter of reference, there is, likewise, no information available in the Bureau's files indicating that the services of this individual are being utilized by your office in connection with this project, nor has the necessary information set forth above been previously furnished the Bureau.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

SAC, Los Angeles

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For your information, it has been reported by a confidential source in August, 1940, that one [redacted] care [redacted] Los Angeles, California, is alleged to be a Communist. This individual is apparently identical with [redacted] mentioned above, and it is, therefore, desired that your office make no further attempt to utilize his services in connection with this project.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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July 3, 1942

MR. LADD

Re: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT

[REDACTED] is a Special Service Contact of the Los Angeles Office. He has been absolutely reliable as a prolific source of information for the Los Angeles Office, particularly concerning personages and affairs in the movie industry.

In the case entitled "Jose Iturbi, with alias; Internal Security - C", [REDACTED] furnished a very informative report. In the case entitled "Lucy Ludvicka Cherekova, alias Linda Brent", [REDACTED] also furnished considerable information. He used his office and used members of his staff for the benefit of the Bureau in this investigation, and even went to the extent of personally interviewing the subject in order to obtain data concerning her. This investigation is continuing at the present time, and [REDACTED] is still being used in connection with it.

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Contacts with [REDACTED] are usually handled by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Office. As above stated, Mr. Deille is most active on behalf of the Los Angeles Office and is considered one of their best contacts.

Respectfully,

R. H. Cunningham

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California  
January 13, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau instructions, there are listed below the names of the Special Service Contacts presently being utilized by this office. These persons are all being utilized at the present time:

[REDACTED]

- RADIO

X [REDACTED]

- NEWSPAPER;  
MOTION PICTURES

[REDACTED]

- ATTORNEY (Legal Dept.  
Motion Pictures)

[REDACTED]

- MOTION PICTURES

[REDACTED]

- REAL ESTATE

[REDACTED]

- NEWSPAPER;  
MOTION PICTURES

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[REDACTED]

- GENERAL  
(National Defense)

[REDACTED]

- MOTION PICTURES

- GENERAL (National  
Defense; has traveled  
extensively, especially  
in Mexico)

[REDACTED]

- MOTION PICTURES

[REDACTED]

- MERCHANT

- OIL

Very truly yours,

*R. B. HOOD*  
Special Agent in Charge



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

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Call rec. 7:15 p.m.  
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Washington, D. C.

January 29, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re:   
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT

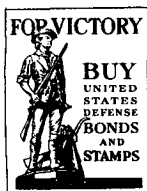
In answer to inquiry concerning the present status of  Mr. Hood, Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles office advised Supervisor G. C. Callan on January 19, that  was being used extensively at the present time in the investigation entitled "Otto Katz, Espionage." Katz is supposedly in Mexico City at the present time and is alleged to be an agent of the OGPU. He was very well acquainted with many Hollywood personages some years ago in England and has contacted many of them since he came to the United States.  is furnishing information concerning those individuals and also is making use of his contacts and certain sources of information that he has to obtain information for the Los Angeles office relative to Katz and his associates. Mr. Hood has personally had very frequent contact with him during the past five weeks and advised Supervisor Callan that he is very productive.

He also furnished information to the Los Angeles office concerning efforts of the Spanish Consul in Los Angeles to effect certain changes favorable to the present Spanish Government in the film "For Whom the Bells Toll." Mr. Hood advised that  is a very valuable contact of the Los Angeles office and that he is personally handling interviews with him.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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Mr. Clegg ☐  
Mr. Glavin ☐  
Mr. Ladd ☐  
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Mr. Rosen ☐  
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Mr. Kramer ☐  
Mr. McGuire ☐  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm ☐  
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Mr. Nease ☐  
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*Special Service Contact*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California  
March 19, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: [redacted]  
Special Service Contact

Dear Sir:

I thought you would be interested in knowing how valuable contact with [redacted] has been in connection with a case of major importance in this office.

OTTO KATZ, leading Communist suspect, who allegedly now resides in Mexico City, has many contacts in the local motion picture field with such persons as FRITZ LANG, director, IRMGARD VON CUBE, writer, PETER LORIE, actor, and CHARLES J. KATZ, attorney for certain CIO interests, and a number of Communist suspects.

I talked this matter over at length with [redacted] some time ago, and he was able to have an informant work with LANG in the production of a current motion picture, and to advise us fully of LANG's activities while on the road making the picture. He furnished valuable information concerning outside contacts of LANG, about whom we would have had no information at all. b7C

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He was later able to obtain the picture immediately upon its completion and had a private showing of it for me and the interested Agents in the case, and it was very enlightening, inasmuch as the influence of other Communist associates of LANG can be very clearly seen in the picture, the title of which is "Hangmen also die". 98

In this investigation, in order to verify some of the statements of our informant about his own association and participation in the motion picture field in Europe, an interview was had with [redacted] and the informant. It was [redacted] opinion that the informant has had an extensive amount of experience in the motion picture field and knows what he is talking about. He does not know about his definite technical ability, but the indications are that he was well versed in the technical aspects of motion pictures produced several years ago.

Throughout the investigation, the names of various motion picture personalities come to light, and it is possible through [redacted] to immediately arrange for informant coverage on some of them, or from his own personal knowledge he is able to furnish valuable information that makes further inquiry unnecessary. He has obtained information from motion picture contacts in New York City and in Mexico



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Re: [REDACTED]

Special Service Contact


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City. He has been very generous in devoting his time to me and one of the Agents handling the case, who has been in contact with him from time to time.

[REDACTED] is, in my opinion, much more stable than the average person engaged in motion picture work, and in view of his integrity and intimate knowledge of the industry, he is regarded as the most all-around valuable contact in this field. He will continue to be of assistance to this office in connection with this, as well as other investigations.

Very truly yours,

RBH:AB



R. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California  
April 10, 1943  
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Director, FBI

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau instructions, there are listed below the names of the Special Service Contacts presently being utilized by this office:

- RADIO INDUSTRY
- NEWSPAPER;  
MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY
- ATTORNEY (Legal Dept.  
Motion Pictures)
- MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY
- REAL ESTATE
- NEWSPAPER;  
MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY
- MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY  
RADIO  
GENERAL (Handles Publicity  
for schools, clubs, lodges;  
contacts with banks in U.S.)
- GENERAL  
(National Defense)
- MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY
- GENERAL (National Defense;  
has traveled extensively,  
especially in Mexico)
- MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Director  
Re: Special Service Contacts

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- MERCHANT

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- OIL INDUSTRY

Very truly yours,

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*R. B. Hood*  
R. B. HOOD  
SAC.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 28, 1945.

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: CECIL B. DEMILLE,  
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT.

The Bureau has been advised from time to time concerning Mr. DEMILLE'S refusal to pay a \$1.00 assessment by AFRA and his subsequent withdrawal from the Lux Radio Program.

As the Bureau is aware, Mr. DEMILLE has received a considerable volume of mail from all sections of the country which has resulted in the formation of the DE MILLE POLITICAL FREEDOM FOUNDATION, with offices on the 9th floor of the Merritt Building, 307 West 8th Street, Los Angeles 14, California.

A copy of each of two recent speeches of Mr. DEMILLE'S, as well as the booklet explaining the Political Freedom Foundation, are being attached for the Bureau's files.

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## **THE DEMILLE POLITICAL FREEDOM FOUNDATION**

Because a man refused to pay \$1.00 to a political campaign in which he did not believe, he was deprived of a job worth many times that dollar. Printed in this booklet is a speech he gave last March explaining the principles involved.

Because that man is Cecil B. DeMille, the incident attracted public interest all over the nation. Thousands of people have written to him about it. More than 99% of them backed him up.

These people saw that if one American could be forced to pay a political assessment in order to keep his job, then the political freedom of every American is in danger. They saw that this issue has nothing to do with party politics or other legitimate differences among Americans. Those who wrote in were Democrats, Republicans, industrialists, farmers, and other workers, union and non-union—they were Americans, wanting to preserve at home what Americans are dying to defend overseas.

They urged Mr. DeMille to take the lead in organizing a movement to weld into one strong body all Americans who cherish political freedom.

In response to this demand, the DeMille Political Freedom Foundation has been established. Membership in it is open to every American without cost.

A membership form will be found on the last page of this booklet.

# STATEMENT OF CECIL B. DEMILLE

AT A ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON  
GIVEN BY WILLIAM M. JEFFERS, PRESIDENT,  
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD, IN OMAHA, NEB.,

MARCH 17, 1945

Mr. Jeffers, Governor Griswold, and fellow Americans.  
And to my friends of the air.

Greetings from Omaha on this day that honors the  
Shamrock.

I have been asked to tell you the reason why I no longer  
conduct the Radio Theatre of the Air that for many years  
has brought good drama to many millions of Americans.  
It may be of little importance to anyone but me that I no  
longer conduct this theatre, but it is of vital importance  
to every man, woman and child in this nation *why* I no  
longer conduct it.

There are many distinguished guests in this room to-  
day—union members, civic and industrial leaders. I hope  
they and the listeners on the air hear me—not as a jury  
but as the fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters of  
American children—and American men and women fighting  
on the battlefronts of the world—and listen to me just as  
the good Americans you are.

But because my case involves a disagreement with a  
union, or at least with union authority, it is important for  
you to know that I hold in the highest regard the American  
labor unions. They have done a fine job for the American  
laborer. And the magnificent and superhuman job that the  
American working man has done during this war (regard-  
less of exceptions) makes one of the greatest sagas of unified  
endeavor the world has ever witnessed.

Mr. Jeffers is a union man. He has carried a union card  
for 51 years. As a union man, he rose to be president of the  
great Union Pacific Railroad.

He was not of the landed gentry. His father pounded  
earth behind the tracklayers—as this pioneer railroad  
crawled westward. And Bill Jeffers got a job as a tele-  
grapher, joined the telegraphers' union—from choice—and  
rose to be president of the road—not by force or coercion  
or political maneuvers—but because he was the best man.

That is free America. That is the land of opportunity—when the son of an Irish immigrant becomes president of the railroad on which his father shoveled dirt and drove spikes.

My host is a good union man. Many of these guests are good union men. And I believe that I am a good union man. But I would not consider myself a good union man if I did not object when I believe my union is making a mistake—nor would I consider myself a good union man if I obeyed my union boss' orders to pay money to support or oppose a proposition at an election when I hold a different political belief, any more than I would consider myself a good American citizen if I voted the way a POLITICAL boss told me to vote if I did not think he was right.

Nor would I support any person or measure that I thought was against the best interests of the nation—no matter who told me to do so. Would you?

My case is simple. It is the case of every American workman. It is THE RIGHT TO BE POLITICALLY FREE.

Political freedom is the backbone of the Republic. Destroy it and you have broken the back of the United States.

I am a union man and I believe I am speaking for an overwhelming majority of union men—leaders and members both—when I say the American workman must be free from coercion and intimidation—with the right to make up his own mind at an election what candidates and measures he shall approve or disapprove—to which candidates and measures he shall give his money and support, and to which he shall refuse his money and his support.

For nearly ten years I have conducted a Radio Theatre of the Air. After I had been conducting it for a year or so, a union was formed under the title of the American Federation of Radio Artists. I was asked to join and did so, and paid my \$100 a year dues without question.

But when I signed for membership, I did not mean it to be a proxy, giving the union leaders the use of my free rights as a voter.

In joining the union, I did not suspect that I was required to give up my rights as an American citizen—or that I would ever be asked to place unionism above Americanism—or that I would not be free to support what party, people or propositions I desired to support—or that I would actually be removed from my job because I would not concede the right of others to think for me politically.

Freedom has made America great, and there can be no

freedom for the nation if its people are not individually free.

About August 16, 1944, I received a letter from AFRA (that's the abbreviated name for my union), the first paragraph of which reads as follows:

"By action of the Board of Directors of AFRA, each member has been assessed \$1.00 to finance the campaign in opposition to No. 12 or the mis-titled 'Right of Employment Amendment' to be submitted on the State Ballot in November."

The last paragraph of the letter says in part:

"Immediate payment of assessment is required. It must be paid on or before September 1, 1944. Failure to pay will result in suspension."

Suspension, of course, automatically costs you your job.

You will note the board of directors made the assessment for a political purpose without calling the members to meeting. Without any authority they made up the minds of 2300 members that those members were opposed to Proposition 12. They did not ask a contribution of one dollar—they demanded one dollar on threat of suspension—and suspension denies the right to work.

In the by-laws of the Los Angeles AFRA Local, there is no mention of the right to assess for any purpose.

And upon my refusal to pay, on the grounds that my political beliefs were my own, I was told that I could not work. In other words, my right to earn a living depended upon my supporting somebody else's political opinion contrary to my own.

You see, this is not a question of unionism or non-unionism. It is just a question of whether my rights at an election belong to me or whether they belong to a union.

And on that simple question rests the fate and future of this nation—whether we are to be a totalitarian country or a Democracy. And we are *not* a Democracy by just calling ourselves a Democracy. Democracy means freedom of choice.

Do we have to sell that freedom of choice for the right to earn a living?

I do not believe that is the purpose for which labor unions were formed. I do not believe that is the desire of the true American labor leaders. I know it was not the desire of Samuel Gompers—for it is un-American. And it is one hundred per cent wrong.

But AFRA was defending its power and I was defending my right—so we went to court.

A judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County found in favor of the union—on the ground, and mark this well—on the ground that Proposition 12 was *not* a *political* issue.

Here was a proposition on the ballot to change the Constitution of the State of California—a proposition that had over one million votes cast for it, and over one million votes cast against it—a measure which the absent soldier vote supported two-to-one. But the court holds that it is not political—because it opposed the closed shop.

And the union, so said the court, was fighting for its existence. So the issue was not political.

Here in Omaha—where you have the Railroad Brotherhoods, which are among the greatest and best unions in the world, operating as an *open shop* under the Railway Labor Act of the Congress of the United States—it must seem strange to you that the Los Angeles judge said that the American Federation of Radio Artists was fighting for its existence because it was *threatened* with what you already *have* and under which you have grown into such a great, wise, and powerful union—with the open shop.

The Los Angeles County judge apparently agrees with me that a political assessment is wrong—but not if a union needs the money to fight a proposition affecting it to be voted on by three million people.

So we have, at least in Los Angeles County, one law for the union and another for the lonely citizen who still has illusive hopes that we are living under a Constitutional Government with one law for all.

Well, we *are* living under a Constitutional Government and I'm trying to find out whether it's the Constitution of the United States—or the constitution of a union.

In the first court decision, I found out.

But there is a famous case in which another court held: "It is not enough to say that a man's vote has not been influenced. It is also necessary for his freedom that he shall not have been coerced into supporting, by money or otherwise, the candidate or measure which he wishes to oppose."

Are we a totalitarian state or are we a Democracy—and does Democracy mean freedom of the individual or only freedom for the union and the ruling powers?

The Devil wears many faces, and the American people want to see what face is really behind this new mask of False Democracy. Who is it that controls the God-given



right to earn a living? Who is this power that can condemn a man and his family to starvation if they don't comply with its desires?

Is this unseen power guided and inspired by the spirits of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Lincoln? Is it inspired by the love of America and her tradition of freedom? Or is it inspired by a selfish desire for its own political advantage and power? What do you think?

From where did such ominous power arise in this land of the free? It comes from forced election contributions and control of a heavy voting power placed in a few hands—which gives a relatively few people coercive power over legislatures and Congress, and even may affect our courts.

This is no issue of unionism. It is an issue between all liberty-loving citizens and a few unscrupulous men who are trying to gather into their own hands, for their own use, the Power of the People—just as it was gathered in Germany and in Italy and in other totalitarian countries.

And if it is not quickly stopped, all individual rights and freedom will be gone—and only the right to obey left to us.

Thomas Jefferson said, "Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God."

The great majority of union membership and officers are fine, right-thinking American men and women. And yet we find a nation indignant and outraged against many unions—an army opposed to and threatening them . . . many courts and legislatures in terror of them. Why?

Because certain leaders have forsaken the high purpose for which the union was created, and have gone into politics to control and bend the nation to their will.

As the war moves on, country after country sees the spectre of oppression and *government by small cliques* loom larger and darker over the world. The United States is no exception to this trend.

It is a pity that the Monroe Doctrine does not apply to foreign ideology as well as to foreign guns.

President Madison said, "It is proper to take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties."

And Abraham Lincoln wrote, "At what point is the approach of danger to be expected? If it ever reach us, it must *spring from amongst us* . . . if destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher."

What does Lincoln say? That we cannot be defeated by an enemy from without—that if we ever go down to destruction, it will be from an enemy within.

To avoid this, I ask that political freedom be restored to the American working man. As long as a union remains the servant of the worker and not his master, both are safe.

I have great faith in the American people. If they retain their freedom, America retains her freedom. If the people sell their freedom—or it is taken from them by regimentation—no matter under what patriotic name it masquerades—if the right of free choice is taken from us, to be administered by our bosses, America is through. Its purpose is dead.

This nation was conceived in Liberty. For the sake of all mankind, don't let it die in bondage.

I am not speaking here for or against a closed shop. But a closed shop constitutes a monopoly of labor—and where *any* monopoly exists, it should be controlled and regulated for the welfare of the community. It should be governed by the same kind of laws and restrictions that apply to a water company which controls all the water, or an electric company which controls all the light and power.

Such companies cannot refuse service to a man because he will not contribute a dollar to their political campaign fund.

Where there is an uncontrolled monopoly of anything, including labor, as in my case, there is tyranny. Power corrupts, but *absolute* power corrupts absolutely.

The American people do not favor, and I believe they will not endure tyranny. But there has been built up in this country an unelected government which is superseding in power and authority the elected government. And a dissenting voice raised against this unelected but all-encompassing power is condemned to obliteration, branded with the standard name of labor hater, labor baiter, fascist, and other venomous terms; whereas, in reality, he is only pleading for Constitutional Government for all—the same law for the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated, the majority and the minority, union and non-union—he is speaking out against the injustice of one imposing its will upon the other.

There must be 80 or 90 million citizens of the United States who still believe in Constitutional Government and freedom of the individual.

These 80 or 90 millions must forget that they are Democrats or Republicans, or Protestants or Catholics, union or non-union—and unite to save their individual liberty and their rights as free Americans—unite to prevent our government, our congress, our legislatures, and our courts from being high-pressured into submission by any minority groups of individuals operating for private purpose and gain—groups that have taken to themselves the divine right to control human destiny—even the right of life and death by control of the right to work.

Unfortunately, un-American elements seem to have captured many sources of public information and dissemination of news, with the result that millions of unorganized, plain, common-sense Americans find themselves without outlets for the expression of their views. But 80 million or more still exist.

In many instances, those who would speak out are frightened by the “smear” technique which the un-American elements have adopted toward all who oppose them. However, somewhere, somehow, these millions of plain, common-sense people are going to find leadership and outlets for the expression of their will.

Then, like Gulliver—the sleeping giant of the great American people—bound down by the strings of the Boss Lilliputians—will rise up and walk.

We must find a voice for the great mass of Americans who want to cry out against the rape of American Freedom.

We have fought five wars to a successful conclusion under our Constitution. I can see no reason for scrapping it in this one.

We have won the Battle of the Atlantic. The Battle of the Pacific, the Battle of France, and the Battle of the Philippines are won. And we are nearing victory, thank God, in the Battle of Germany. And all during these gallant and heavy-priced victories we have been losing the Battle of America on the home front—losing the very purpose for which these other battles were fought.

If our men, whom we sent out to fight for Freedom and the American way of life, return and find that we have changed from government by *law* to government by *men*—

That many of our courts no longer strive for justice but are ruled by political expediency—

That government of the people is no longer *by* the people but by high-pressure minority groups—

That the one safeguard that remained to us, the people—our free rights at an election—has been taken from many of us and delivered to a union board of directors—

That people in this country have been denied the right to work—forced from a trade or profession to which they have given their lives—condemned to idleness and the dole because they will not contribute to the political beliefs of others—

What will they say—these men who have been fighting on every battlefield in the world. What will they say when they find that we at home have surrendered America—that we have been guilty of treason to our fighting forces by letting an enemy come in behind them and cut away their individual freedom while their blood was being shed for it abroad.

Have we as a nation become so afraid to assert ourselves that we will sell our children into slavery?

If we throw away now the gifts of Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln—if we undo now the work of the countless thousands who have given their lives for Liberty, we shall be guilty of a crime against God and man that it will take centuries to expiate.

This country is the hope of mankind, and it was built upon the rock of individual liberty.

My voice is the voice of one crying in the wilderness—make straight your paths for freedom, God's greatest gift to man.

It will be a hollow victory to you mothers whose sons are fighting abroad if they must return to serfdom here at home. They did not pay for the right to fight. Must they pay for the right to work?

You can stop this abuse of power—and you can stop government from sanctioning such abuse of power—if you organize for just one thing—the right of the worker to be politically free.

And hang onto Constitutional Government as you would to a life-raft in a boiling sea. The Constitution of the United States and the governing power of Congress are being replaced by administrative bodies with the power of making regulations which have the force of law.

This is dictatorship. You can stop this only through organization.

Too many Americans—big and little—have run to cover in the hope they can hide out through the storm—afraid

of the propaganda machine that has been turned against them to shoot maledictions, as a machine gun shoots bullets.

Don't think we are only *threatened* with totalitarianism. To a great extent we *have* totalitarianism today, because too many business men and laboring men alike have been Neros who fiddle while the Liberty of their country burns.

I do not think that all who follow this course toward totalitarianism are bad Americans. Many of them are blind Americans who cannot see the net of regimentation into which they are swimming like a school of fish.

And the bait that draws so many eager fish is the alluring sound of Free from Worry, Free from Fear, Free from Want, free from everything—including *Freedom!*

This is really no Utopian dream for the working man. It's the harnessing and enslaving of American might for private and political use.

Remember that all through history every free Democracy has lasted but a few centuries and then passed into a dictatorship.

Don't be regimented. Don't be forced into obeying the political orders of your boss—union or industrial.

William Penn said, "Obedience without liberty is slavery."

Many of you are still free men and women. It is for you to rescue those of us who have felt the hand of Tyranny upon us, before you yourselves are regimented and your right to work is taken from you as mine has been from me.

Edmund Burke, a good Irishman, warned, "When bad men combine, the good must unite—else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in an unequal struggle."

The unions were formed for better conditions and opportunity and freedom. The union man is in danger of losing for himself and his children and his grandchildren the very freedom and opportunity for which his union was created. All freedom depends on a truly free election.

In closing, may I say that I miss, more than I can tell you, my visit in 10 million homes every Monday night. The friendship of those unseen millions warmed my heart, as nothing in life has ever done—but I would rather never visit them again than visit them as a betrayer of the principles that made those homes possible.

There is one union that I place above all others—the Union of the United States of America.

## Editorial Excerpts

*Of thousands of editorial endorsements only a few typical excerpts are reprinted here.*

**Cleveland, O., Plain Dealer:** This kind of political action is just as reprehensible as were the methods resorted to by employers in the days of Mark Hanna when they threatened to close their plants if the election results didn't suit them. Political coercion of any kind is evil, regardless of whether it is an employer or a labor boss who wields the whip.

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**Salina, Kansas, Journal:** The result will be watched with interest, for Mr. DeMille has made it clear that he intends to see whether this is a free country in fact as well as theory.

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**Las Vegas, Nev., Review-Journal:** One of the most sacred functions of the Constitution of the United States is, to my mind, the protection of minorities. The majority rules at elections and in actions on various questions, but the prevailing side is charged with the duty at all times of protecting the minority whether it be in religion, free speech, political views or whatever.

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**Washington, D. C., Post:** The practice which Mr. DeMille denounces is oppressive and against public interest.

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**Bridgeport, Conn., Life:** Surely this is coercion of a dangerous order. It is far from just to permit a union to demand, on peril of not being allowed to work, a member contribute support to a cause in which he has no belief.

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**Louisville, Ky., Times:** There is no important difference between the \$1 assessment levied against Mr. DeMille and assessments of State employees by party bosses whose aim is keeping in power the party to which they and the employees belong. Yet that is forbidden by law.

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**Beaumont, Texas, Journal:** Has it come to the point where a labor union can force a member to support its political views whether he approves or not? And where if he does not it can force him out of a job? Where is our boasted American freedom?

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**New York World Telegram:** Incidentally, the intent of the proposed constitutional amendment was to outlaw the closed shop in California. We thought it unwise, and were glad when that state's voters defeated it. But now, in the light of the DeMille episode, we're not so sure. A closed shop is one where a man can't work unless he belongs to a union. Should any man's right to work in that shop—at \$5,000 a week, or at \$50, or less—depend not only on whether he belongs to a union but also on political or legislative battles with which he may be completely out of sympathy? We think not.

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**Saturday Evening Post:** One labor union actually believes that a member should be deprived of his right to earn a living because he refused to contribute to a cause in which he doesn't believe. That is a way to interest plenty of people, but make no friends.

## Editorial Excerpts

**Los Angeles, Calif., Times:** Mr. DeMille is not speaking only for himself, or for the radio industry or the entertainment industry as a whole, of which he has long been a leader.

The dollar which the American Federation of Radio Artists attempted to collect from him to help abolish the free right to work in California may prove the most expensive levy in its history.

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**Philadelphia, Pa., Record:** In the long run, men will overthrow any institution which claims the right to take their jobs away. Unions are not exempt.

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**Hartford, Conn., Courant:** President Roosevelt once said no man in America would be compelled to join a union against his will. If Mr. DeMille is able to carry his fight to the courts, he should do so. It is high time that this type of political blackmail was stamped out forever.

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**Tampa, Fla., Daily Times:** Thinking union members will applaud him—if they are wise.

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**Mt. Vernon, Wash., Daily Herald:** Can any citizen be compelled to contribute money for political purposes or be penalized? We no longer have a free country if any union, or party or any organization whatsoever, can coerce its members in the exercise of their guaranteed civil rights as citizens.

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**Sacramento, Calif., Union:** Organized labor is being constructive and progressive when it assumes active leadership in an educational program to present its point of view. But when it undertakes to regiment and control the thought and action of its members it threatens to become as authoritarian as Nazi Germany.

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**Philadelphia, Pa., Inquirer:** Perhaps you will be able to draw a moral from all this by recalling that part of Mr. DeMille's reputation rests on his production of a famous movie called "The Ten Commandments."

We have some "strange gods" in this country who seem to say "thou shalt not work without paying tribute."

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**Albany, Ga., Herald:** We believe DeMille to be absolutely correct in his stand, and we further believe that he will be supported by the opinions of a majority of Americans.

For, as the Augusta Chronicle points out, "unless more American citizens assert their rights, as Cecil B. DeMille has asserted his, we shall soon see an electorate which is as spineless and as futile as the German electorate when it goes to the polls to vote 'Ja'."

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**S. F. Examiner:** Such a tendency is a direct and ominous threat to the freedom of organized labor itself.

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## Public Comment

YOUR BRAVE REFUSAL TO BE A PROFESSIONAL SERF BY SURRENDERING YOUR AMERICAN FREEDOM IS A POSITIVE TONIC TO THE WHOLE NATION. **WE HAVE JUST PUT OUT THE STARS AND STRIPES IN FRONT OF OUR HOME** TODAY IN HONOR OF YOUR INSPIRING DEFIANCE OF TYRANNY. GOD BLESS YOUR SPUNKY SPINALITY FOR GIVING THIS EMBATTLED COUNTRY A NEW DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE . . . *Santa Monica, Calif.*

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I, with thousands of other loyal Americans, are with you 100% and the sooner such an organization gets going, the better . . . *Wheaton, Ill.*

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It is as if we were hearing echoes of the determined stand of the **Liberty Boys of '76** . . . *Trenton, N. J.*

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A man willing to fight to the last ditch for a principle seemed as extinct as cigarettes . . . *Beaumont, Tex.*

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Please accept the humble congratulations of a small town pastor who greatly enjoyed your magnificent and eloquent defense of American idealism. God bless you always! . . . *Ackley, Ia.*

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We're proud of you and sooner or later we will all need to follow you in that decision, or be serfs . . . *Denver, Colo.*

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Bravo, Mr. DeMille. **Please don't let us down now!** . . . *Washington, D. C.*

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I am a total stranger to you, a farmer as you see above. I have just heard your address in Omaha. I have never heard a discussion whose every sentiment and judgment met my heartiest approval, so fully as in your case today . . . *Monmouth, Ore.*

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In many instances those who would speak out are frightened by the smear technique which the radicals have adopted towards all those who oppose them. However, somehow or somewhere these millions of plain common-sense people are going to find outlets and leadership for the expression of their will, and then the sleeping giant will rise up and walk . . . *Atlanta, Ga.*

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In refusing to pay the \$1 assessment you are giving America the best Christmas present to be had . . . *Caldwell, Kan.*

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It is men like you who will prevent a civil war in our country if the usurpation of civil rights is not halted while we are away . . . *"In the Marianas."*

## Public Comment

Yesterday I learned that a very dear nephew is missing from action. His fight to preserve the American way perhaps is ended. **You have helped make his fate seem less futile** . . . *Berkeley, Calif.*

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We **don't** want security at the **expense of our liberty** . . . *Chicopee Falls, Mass.*

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The outcome of this affair will **affect the future** of every American citizen . . . *Seattle, Wash.*

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You are doing much but it is not enough. Wish you could send out about 10,000,000 pamphlets with your story and speeches. **Would it be possible to organize a campaign and stage a nation-wide fight?** The whole thing is appallingly serious. I know of no one better equipped to carry this fight to the whole nation than you are. Keep slugging . . . *New York City.*

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**We who have been members of unions for many years** are in a better position to fight illegal acts than those who attack from the outside. It is up to us to head the fight with all our energy . . . *Ann Arbor, Mich.*

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Your stand on the **rights of every American** not only makes news, it makes history . . . *Chicago, Ill.*

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Millions of small squeaks are silently praising your loud squawk! . . . *San Francisco, Calif.*

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And so, Mr. DeMille, you are fighting here at home for **the same principles for which my son fought and died**. I know too, that if he were here now peering over my shoulder as I write you this letter he would say, "Put my OK on that too, Dad." . . . *Toledo, O.*

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Your refusal to pay that imposition will stick out one of these days as a **turning-point in American history** . . . *Palm Beach, Fla.*

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It is my understanding that you do not object to the march of the working-man so long as it is not turned **into a goose-step** by certain union leaders . . . *Los Angeles, Calif.*

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I feel that we should organize NOW—not so much in a political party sense as in banding together all those real Americans **who know the dangers ahead**. At present we are just like a cattle herd—milling around, grumbling, uneasy—stymied, because of unorganization . . . *Hartford, Conn.*

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You are entitled to the profound thanks of the great rank and file that make up organized labor in America . . . *New York City.*

ADDRESS TO COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
CAPITOL BUILDING, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA  
12 April 1945

By Cecil B. deMille

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee on Industrial Relations of the California Assembly:

I am here to speak to you in favor of the Davis-Call Bill. I am appearing before you because I understand that it is proper for you to act in the matter to be discussed.

The Constitution of the State of California provides in Article 20, Section 11:

"The privilege of free suffrage shall be supported by laws regulating elections and prohibiting, under adequate penalties, all undue influence thereon, from power, bribery, tumult, or other improper practice".

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This provision of the Constitution is mandatory and requires legislation to do what it plainly states.

The present laws do not prohibit the very things the Constitution says they shall prohibit.

I understand that the Davis Bill complies with this mandate of the Constitution.

I also understand that other sections of the Elections Code have attempted to comply with this mandate of the Constitution but are inadequate to do so.

Apparently the Legislature has been derelict because the Los Angeles Superior Court has stated that the present laws do not protect the privilege of free suffrage from undue influence or other improper practices.

This Committee and the Houses of this Legislature must

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decide if this Bill - with or without amendment - covers the need for legislative action which is a vital necessity in this State -- if individual liberty is not to be made a comic buffoon in a tragic play.

The necessity is for a bill to restore political freedom to all the citizens of the State of California. There is a large group who do not possess political freedom at this time -- and will not possess political freedom until this Legislature restores it to them.

And if I may judge from the letters, telegrams and messages that I have received from the voters in this State, their opinion is that no citizen should be assessed money by anyone to support or oppose a candidate or a measure to be voted on at an election. And I think a vast majority of the American people agree with them.

But a California court has sanctioned a labor union's exaction of money from its members to swell a campaign fund raised to defeat a measure on the California ballot -- irrespective of the personal political beliefs of the union member.

And the question is: are labor unions - alone among the pressure groups operating in American politics today - to be exempt from the restrictions that wise legislation has placed around the activity of other pressure groups?

If this measure, or a similar one, is not passed, then justice and consistency would demand the repeal of all other legislation designed to prevent political coercion. If that other legislation was necessary, then this measure, or a similar one, is necessary.

Anyone who says that I am opposed to honest labor unions -

or that I am trying in any way to hurt the just cause of Labor - is not speaking the truth.

The cause of Labor is not well served by forcing political contributions from its members. Wise labor leaders - (and there are many) - know this.

Where those who follow un-American principles prevail, the legislatures of the states must protect the union citizen. That is the purpose of this Bill.

This Legislature represents the people of California, and I am sure this Legislature does not believe the people of California want such an unfair, un-American practice as forced political assessment to continue.

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I am sure this Legislature is not in favor of giving the power of life and death - by control of the right to work - into the hands of a private group not elected by the people.

I am sure this Legislature will not permit any group to maintain an inquisition.

But it will be urged upon you that present legislation fully protects the voter's rights -- that no one is trying to tell anyone else how he must vote.

Those who oppose legislation like this Bill say: 'we are not telling our rank and file how to vote'.

But they do not say - 'we are merely taking their money away from them to secure votes which will cancel theirs if they happen to disagree with us'.

To those who agree with me, my statements will stand on their truth and American principles. To those opposed to me and

my stand for individual Liberty, whatever I may say will be misconstrued and incorrectly interpreted.

The Davis-Call Bill takes nothing away from any union member. But it restores to him his self-respect as a citizen. It returns to him the right of free suffrage which the California Constitution guarantees him and which - (as the deMille incident demonstrates) - has been taken from him.

This Bill returns to him his political freedom.

In this war, many union men have been asked to die - and many have died - for freedom. Shall we refuse it to union men at home?

I do not wish to discuss here the pros and cons of closed shop. The point is -- in a large part of California industry, we have it. And having it, a new law is needed, because there is a new situation.

Never before has a citizen's right to earn a living been placed in the hands of an organization which has the power to determine whether that citizen should be allowed to earn a living. What I am saying is not a movie plot of the Dark Ages -- it is a fact in this great State.

I do not mean to bring into this discussion the merits or demerits of closed shop -- but no one can deny that closed shop is a monopoly of labor -- and as such must be regulated, as are other monopolies.

Our Supreme Court in the case of James vs. Marinship Corporation, Volume 25, Advance California Reports #14, at page 641 used these words:

"Where a union has as in this case, attained a monopoly of the supply of labor by means of closed shop agreements and other forms of collective labor action, such a union occupies a quasi-public position similar to that of a public service business and it has certain corresponding obligations. It may no longer claim the same freedom from legal restraint enjoyed by golf clubs or fraternal associations. Its asserted right to choose its own members does not merely relate to social relations; it affects the fundamental right to work for a living".

And if a man must join in order to buy food for himself and his family, then it is the clear duty of this Legislature to protect him from the injustice and tyranny which are bound to occur in any unregulated monopoly.

Power corrupts, but absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Only recently in this country has the right to work of entire trades -- of great masses of the entire population -- been placed in the control of a few leaders. Because of this, there are no adequate laws to control this new monopoly. That is why it is necessary to pass a measure that guarantees the individual his rights of citizenship even though he be forced to belong to a union in order to work.

It is not only un-American, it is criminal to make a man join an organization -- and then refuse him protection, so that he becomes the slave of that organization, if he is to earn his bread.

He is no longer a free American if they have the right to prevent his working -- which they have -- for I am denied the right to work.

Some of you I know to be union men, as I am. When you joined the union, did you intend to sign over to it your political rights? I did not.

Neither did the union men who have written to me, enclosing little sums of money to help "fight their fight" as they put it, and begging me not to mention their names for fear of reprisals.

These men want their political freedom back.

Certainly this Committee and the California Legislature cannot put their approval on the pretended right of any organization to deprive a worker of his living because he will not pay money to a political cause of which he disapproves. That is what the Davis Bill is designed to prevent.

Surely this Legislature and the Governor of California will give the individual union member relief from such an intolerable situation.

If they fail to give such relief, then free elections are a thing of the past in this State.



Those who believe in the tyranny of political overlordship say that I can vote as I wish at the polls, though they force money from me to cancel that vote. That is a mockery.

To bear out my contention, I quote an editor from the grass roots of America -- Waterloo, Iowa -- the town that gave the Navy the five Sullivan brothers who died defending the right which the union denies me.

This editorial has been echoed in the papers of hundreds of cities large and small:

"The right of the American citizen to make up his mind on political issues and act accordingly is sacred. No majority, however powerful, has ever attempted to compel a minority to support the political ideas that it happens to approve.

"With a secret ballot, the majority cannot compel the minority to vote its way. But the same principle is involved when the majority forces the minority to contribute to a political fund for agitating the ideas of the majority.

"Nothing could be more antagonistic to the American tradition".

And from a widely different part of the country, a San Antonio, Texas editor states:

"No man ought to have to pay a political assessment in order to hold his job. No citizen of America ought to be COMPELLED to contribute to a fund being raised to fight for a political cause which he opposes, or even

which he favors.

"That is political and economic peonage as raw as any ever practiced by the 'big interests' in their unbridled days".

There have been more than 2,000 editorials in the nation's newspapers relative to the deMille incident and condemning compulsory political assessment.

Although the situation created by the closed shop is new, there is nothing new in what those who favor this Bill ask, and in what it guarantees.

It is merely restoring the rights that the Eastern States fought for in 1776 and 1812, and that California fought for in 1846.

One of the main ideas behind the American system of government -- for which these States fought -- was that no human being should be trusted with absolute power.

If a union, operating under closed shop, may exact political tribute money, to influence an election regardless of the individual union member's views, and under threat of depriving that member of his job -- then we have put in the hands of the union or its manipulators, absolute power at its harshest and worst.

Senator Ball of Minnesota, in a radio address last Sunday, said:

"Government has a definite obligation to protect the rights .... of individual employees against the abuse or arbitrary control by union management which a closed shop makes possible".

The Davis-Call Bill gives the government of California its opportunity to meet that obligation.

The passage of this Bill means the elimination of the purge system in this State.

I have heard people say, when they read of the Nazi purges in Europe, 'Thank God, nothing like that can happen here'.

Well - can't it? Many union members have been purged. I have been purged.

The only difference is that the system here is cleverer than that in Europe. In Europe the victims were killed, and so became martyrs. Here -- they just can't get a job.

But a purge is a purge, no matter how you dress it up or by what soft, sweet-smelling names you may call it. And Americans want none of it.

It is sometimes said that the American people are inarticulate. They are not. They are just patient -- up to a point.

But at this point of danger to their freedom, they have never failed to find a voice and make it heard.

They have a sixth sense for that danger. They sensed it in a chest of tea in Boston Harbor -- and in the tracking down of

a runaway slave named Dred Scott. They can sense it in a forced political tribute of one dollar.

And their voice is being heard again.

It is a voice not confined to any one party, nor to any one section of the country, nor to any one group or class within the nation,

It is the voice of a people who made the first beach-heads of liberty at Plymouth Rock and Jamestown, and swept from there across a continent.

It is the voice of a jealous people -- jealous because they know what liberty is worth.

The thousands of letters and editorials that have come to me are only a whisper of that voice. It is growing -- and it will grow.

Your votes, gentlemen of this Committee, will record how well you hear it.

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TWO ROADS FOR AMERICA

Address by Cecil B. deMille  
before the Southern California Republican Women  
at the Biltmore Hotel  
May 10, 1945 at 8 P.M.

I greet you this evening not as Republican Women but as  
American women.

There are two roads stretching out before America tonight.

One of those roads you know. You learned about it in  
school. Your grandfathers travelled on it. Your parents travelled  
on it. You travelled on it. ~~The husbands and the sons of many~~  
of you are blazing a trail along it -- on far-distant fronts.  
Some of them are resting forever out there along that road, but  
their spirits have joined the ranks filled by all the Americans,  
of whatever party, who lived and suffered and died to keep America  
on the road of freedom -- the road that made us, we believe, the  
greatest country on earth.

That road started with the first beachheads of liberty at  
Plymouth Rock and Jamestown. It was a hard and perilous trail at  
first, but it was trodden by those

".....pilgrim feet whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare of freedom beat across the wilderness"

until it has become the broad highway we know -- bearing in its  
traffic the gifts of liberty, universal education, artistic and  
scientific achievement, the production and free exchange of goods

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and services in a measure never equalled in any other system -- the highest standard of living in the world -- with freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom of press, freedom of thought, and freedom of action.

The bedrock on which that road is laid is the Constitution of the United States -- ordained and established "to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity".

The milestones along that road are marked with the names of those who created it and widened it and pushed it forward -- names like Washington and Franklin and Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln, Grover Cleveland and Theodore Roosevelt, Thomas A. Edison and Samuel Gompers -- nor can we forget tonight the milestones marked by names like Clara Barton, Susan B. Anthony and Jane Addams.

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It is not a perfect road. It is not a finished road. But we have cherished the hope that we would be free to push it on still further -- to widen it still more. We have hoped to see the feet of our grandchildren planted firmly on it, and to put the task of erecting new and greater milestones confidently in their hands -- and I have seven: three girls and four boys.

But there are people in America who want to take us off that road. They want to take us down another -- a road not conceived or planned by Americans, but surveyed and plotted by clever organizers who borrow their inspiration from foreign lands and alien minds -- the road of regimentation.

This other road looks alluring to many. It is described as a super-highway -- as a road to happiness for all. They tell us

it is a safe road -- the traffic is so well directed, there can never be an accident.

It is a one-way road -- well engineered, so that the first curves and grades seem very gentle. It is a highly-fenced road -- you can't strike off on your own trail or loiter to pick flowers or admire the view. Once on it, you march -- and march in step -- until at length those self-appointed and extremely efficient directors of traffic have you neatly and safely herded into the totalitarian pens at the end of the road, from which there is no escape.

I am not talking about some vague distant danger. The surveys for this road of regimentation are drawn up. Its planners have wormed their way into the stream of traffic now traveling the freedom road -- into our schools, into both major political parties -- and above all, into the labor movement.

But they have done us one great favor. They have begun to show their hand. And while their voice utters soothing promises, the hand is the iron fist of ruthless dictatorship.

Let me cite you some examples of the building of this new road -- examples close to home.

Less than a month ago, it was twice said to me under the dome of the State Capitol in Sacramento: "The minority have no rights after the vote is taken."

To American women I call attention that this was said in America. To Californians, that it was said in our State Capitol.

It has a different ring from what Jefferson said: "The minority possess their equal rights, which equal laws must protect, and to violate which would be oppression".

Less than two weeks ago, a citizen of Los Angeles County, a woman outstanding for the energy and zeal she devotes to civic affairs, wrote to an Assemblyman from this County to tell him that she and many other women were in favor of the Davis-Call Bill to outlaw compulsory political assessments.

The Assemblyman's reply to her begins by asking if she represents a group of Japanese women. He goes on to say: "Please do not bother me with any further communications aimed against the general welfare". And he concludes by asking the woman who wrote to him to "stop aiding the Hitler idea in the United States".

This was a letter from an elected servant of the people, addressed to a woman who wrote in the name of a large number of his constituents. And he says to them: "Please do not bother me".

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What would that Assemblyman say to the report of the United States Senate Committee on Campaign Expenditures that where labor committees, like the P.A.C., are supported by majority vote grants from union treasuries, certain minority union elements may have been forced to contribute to political causes of which they did not approve. So the Committee recommended that to protect the dissident minorities involved, union labor groups working in political campaigns be restricted to voluntary contributions.

Would the Assemblyman care to say that this Committee of the United States Senate, dominated by his own party, is "aiding the Hitler idea" by recommending exactly what the Davis-Call Bill proposes to do?

It reminds me of what Huey Long said: "Sure we'll have Fascism in this country. Only we'll call it anti-Fascism."



We can better judge what these trumpeters of a foreign ideology say by taking a look at what they do. And this example comes very close to home.

Less than a month ago, five girls, employed at one of the major studios here, were expelled from the Screen Office Employees Guild, which demanded that the studio dismiss them. These girls are here tonight. They are not "economic royalists" or "millionaire martyrs". Their weekly pay check doesn't mean pin money. It means bread money.

They are not inefficient. Neither are they dishonest. They are intelligent girls, doing their work faithfully and well. Two of them have been employed at the same studio for 8 years, two for 4 years, and one for one year. There was no complaint whatever against them until \$2.00 was demanded from each of them by their union for a political assessment.

Their only crime was that they protested the union's right to demand that they contribute money for a political purpose to which they were opposed.

Three of those girls were expelled from their union because they dared to go into an American court seeking redress for what they considered a just grievance. Two of them were expelled from their union because they dared to speak out in defense of the other three.

And I remind you that expulsion from a union, where a closed shop exists, means that they are denied the right to earn their living.

First their political freedom was invaded. Then their right to work was taken away.

These are some of the first steps on the new road being offered to America. I do not ask: Are you ready to take them? Those steps have already been taken -- not only in Munich and Moscow -- here in California.

I do ask: What are you going to do about it?

Unions were not formed to regulate the political affiliations of a citizen, nor to decide which citizen shall have the right to earn a living and which shall not. If any organization insists that it has and will exercise that right, then that organization will achieve either its own destruction or complete national control.

It is because I am a supporter of union labor that I am opposed to this desire on the part of many leaders for political power and for what amounts to the power of life and death by control of the right to work.

I am sure this is not the desire of a majority of union members, or of wise labor leaders. In support of my position, I quote the dying injunction of Samuel Gompers to the American labor movement: "No lasting gain has ever come from compulsion."

When a union board compels its members to contribute money to support political issues or candidates, it is undermining the solid foundation laid for the labor movement by Samuel Gompers and its other founders. Let that foundation be sapped away, and the whole fine structure of union labor, built up through the past 65 years at great price, will be destroyed.

The cause of individual freedom and the true interests of labor are one and the same.

If we leave in the hands of any individual or group --

whether the boss in the factory or the boss in the union -- the absolute right to control employment, to say who shall work and who shall not, to make the privilege of eating dependent upon knuckling under to political dictation -- then we have a Gestapo and a purge system here as efficient as any operated under Himmeler's cruel sadistic lash.

Perhaps the American Gestapo is more efficient. In Europe, the victims were killed outright and so became martyrs. Here -- they just can't get a job.

These five Los Angeles girls are no isolated instances. There are many, many others -- how many only the bosses and the victims know.

Occasionally a case may find its way into the newspapers -- like the New Jersey veteran of this war expelled from his union because he criticized some union agents for using up working hours in political activity.

I cannot quote to you the letters I have from union members telling the same kind of story and documenting it with names and dates, because they beg me not to reveal their names. They have wives and children to support. They are eating their bread in fear.

Has it reached the point where a union member dare not appeal to the law courts of his country from a decree handed down against him by a union trial board which is his accuser, judge and executioner?

If it has, then we are stamping out Naziism in Germany only to let it flourish over here.

The pattern is the same. Concentrate power in the hands of

a few. Stifle reason and freedom of speech. Dictators cannot afford to reason with their subjects. And where reason cannot be used, force takes its place.

The result is inevitable -- an unelected government forcing the elected government to do its will, a clique bred on arrogance and hatred holding the right of life and death over a subject people, maintaining that right by the swift and thorough execution of anyone who dares to criticize or differ.

This is the philosophy of dictatorship which stoked the furnaces in the prison camps of Buchenwald and Dachau.

In this month's FORTUNE MAGAZINE is an analysis of Dumbarton Oaks and San Francisco by the editors of TIME, LIFE and FORTUNE. It states: "What can happen, and has happened in many parts of the world, is outright reversion to savagery. If a humane civilization is to survive, based on the rights of man and the sacredness of the individual, an international organization must be concerned with man's treatment of man everywhere..... The Cardinal aspect of American policy toward the whole world should be a policy favoring Political Freedom of men and nations."

To which I add, why not start here in California?

The horror of those German prison camps has shocked us. But what was the crime of those whose blackened bodies our soldiers are discovering? It was essentially the same crime committed by these five girls -- the crime of disagreement with their overlords, the crime of wanting to be free.

Some will tell you I am an alarmist. These girls know how alarming it is to have your livelihood snatched away because you believe in the American rights of free suffrage and free speech.

This is not a question of labor-baiting or labor-hating. It is the racketeers in the labor organizations that do the labor-baiting.

If it is labor-baiting to oppose the political ambitions of these un-American racketeers, then William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, is a labor-baiter, because he and five other nationally known labor leaders stated last month that "the primary function of labor unions must be concentrated in the field of collective bargaining" and gave as their reason for not participating in the World Trade Union Conference "the essentially political character" of its activities.

The right of labor to organize and to bargain collectively is undisputed. It is a settled American policy, accepted by everyone but a few short-sighted business men who yearn to go back to the days when the worker was held in bondage little better than slavery.

The live question today is: do a union member's rights as a citizen belong to him or to the union?

Well, my political rights don't belong to my studio. They don't belong to my bank. They don't belong to my lodge. They don't belong to my union. They don't belong to my church. They belong to nobody but me.

Has the worker exchanged the economic slavery of the bad old days -- which no man of sense wants to go back to -- for a political slavery no less despotic, no less wicked, and just as capable of bitter persecution?

Or shall we stop it now?

There is still time, if we heed the advice of President

Madison, who said: "It is proper to take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties."

No group within the nation can have the right to do what has been done to these five girls -- and to countless others -- if we would keep the nation free.

This is not a political game for a few years of power in office. It is a nation fighting for its freedom. It is a liberty-loving people crying out, "Save us from the well-organized power that is raising the standard of collectivism, totalitarianism, regimentation or whatever name you wish to call it. Save us from the groups that would throw America's great past into the ashcan and start afresh with a new and foreign ideology."

The Four Freedoms are false unless individual freedom comes first. ~~We must not sell ourselves in a slave market on the promise~~ of being well cared for.

Those boys -- your boys -- from free America who have played such a heroic part in smashing totalitarian Germany are going to return to a totalitarian America if we don't do something to stop the advance of certain groups who are determined to educate your children in our schools to the idea of regimentation -- who are determined to control all national supply -- who laugh at Constitutional Government because they have placed fear in the hearts of many of those sworn to protect the Constitution.

These groups have but one intention -- the control of the United States by the control of its productive power. Some of them wrap themselves in the American flag and then proceed to destroy what our flag stands for -- the rights of the individual. And the cornerstone of those rights is Political Freedom.

In the same important statement by the editors of TIME, LIFE and FORTUNE which I have quoted before, this line occurs: "The threat to freedom is world-wide and never-ending."

The death of political freedom in America would spell tragedy for the entire human race, for this country is the hope of the entire human race. It is a great rock of freedom that stands clear in a boiling, seething, blood-drenched, hating world.

A California jurist recently described what America stands for as the individual's "inherent right of freedom of political thought and action". No group of organizers or regimentors is going to take that right away from the American people without a fight -- because it is a possession dearer to us than life itself, or so many thousands of our boys would not be dying to defend it.

We cannot lull ourselves into a false security by saying 'we have nothing to worry about as long as we have the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and a Congress and 48 Legislatures sworn to uphold them'.

Where are the elected defenders of the rights of the so-called little people? Are they in terror of these groups who have the votes organized and held in a few hands -- groups that have the power to say 'Thou shalt' and 'Thou shalt not'?

The only way you can break such power is with a larger group -- with more votes -- devoted to the American cause of freedom, starting with political freedom on which everything else stands.

That is why I am speaking to you tonight not as Republicans but as Americans -- for I know that you will be willing to join the many Democrats who also want to keep America on the same road

of freedom she has traveled so far and so well. This nation has thrived on the healthy rivalry of the two-party system, but it cannot -- now any more than in Lincoln's day -- endure half-slave and half-free. Unless the chain of political serfdom is broken once for all, we shall all soon be shackled in it.

In this struggle, the only party lines are American lines versus un-American lines. I think I know where you stand.

Long before suffrage for women it was said "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world". The hand that rocks the cradle can also rock the boat -- or can keep it on a steady keel.

The destiny of the country is in your hands because the destiny of the children -- the men and women of tomorrow -- is in your hands. Even the men of today, I understand, are not wholly free from the influence of wives, mothers and daughters -- and from my observation, even granddaughters are not without considerable influence.

It is a woman who stands in New York Harbor holding aloft the torch of Liberty Enlightening the World. Unless the women of America, regardless of party, come forward and give as good an account of themselves on the home front as their husbands, sons and daughters are giving on the battle front, then we might as well extinguish the torch of the Lady of Liberty. Her blushes will illuminate the Harbor.

But it may be a straw in the wind that at least fifty per cent of the thousands of letters we have received on the political freedom issue are from women -- women who know that the disease of totalitarianism is as bad for the country as scarlet fever would be for their children. It may appear first as a harmless pink rash --



but it can do incurable damage to the heart.

Modern methods have stopped the plague of many diseases which used to ravage American homes, but the only medicine that can stop the plague of regimentation is organization powerful enough to place individual liberty above the grasp of the racketeer who is trying to destroy freedom through control of the elections that determine which of the two roads America will follow.

One of the most prominent and most successful business men in the United States wrote to me the other day: "I am praying to our good Lord that some day we can effect a strong and permanent organization to defend the rights of our people..... Vision creates ideas..... You have conceived an idea.....big enough and important enough to have it grow into a positive organization..... The P.A.C. came from vision - just an idea - but they had the courage to project the idea into action. The rest of us must have vision and courage or we shall witness the end of the system that has made the United States the greatest nation in the world."

I don't think the women of America are lacking in either vision or courage. It is not the intention of this gathering, or of the nation as a whole, that the American system be ended and supplanted by one with a foreign trademark.

The only way to free American workers from this menacing evil is by legislation. To free them by legislation, you must have a free ballot. Elections must be free from forced assessment and the enslaving fear of loss of work.

That is the purpose of the DeMille Political Freedom Foundation.

The Foundation is a political action committee -- but with a difference. It does not seek to array class against class. It spurns the Marxist theory of class warfare because it believes in "one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

It sees beyond the glittering promise of security to the end of the road of regimentation, where the rule will be, as Leon Trotsky phrased it: "Who does not obey shall not eat." Instead of standing with Trotsky, this Foundation stands with the American woman who wrote to me: "We don't want security at the expense of our liberty."

To preserve that liberty, the DeMille Political Freedom Foundation is pledged to one aim: to defend the political rights of the individual and oppose political coercion in any form from ~~any source.~~

Note well -- from any source. The Foundation will oppose political coercion from employers or from office-holders as vigorously as it opposes political coercion from union bosses. I make that statement for the record.

The American people do not want to be bossed politically from any source. Mussolini and Hitler have found that out, to their grim and grievous sorrow. Their imitators at home may profit by their example.

I have referred to the children of today as the America of tomorrow. You are the mothers of those children -- young, hopeful Americans like the high school boy in Vermont who wrote to me: "We want to have and build up the type of country where everybody can work and be free to do as they think and wish."

If the Japanese were bombing Los Angeles tonight, if an epidemic disease were racing through the city, if you knew that the water supply going into your homes was contaminated, you would work and fight without counting the cost in sweat or tears or blood for those children now sleeping safely in your homes.

But while they sleep at this same hour, they are threatened by a danger more terrible than invasion or disease, for those who would have your children follow the road to serfdom are busy poisoning the wellsprings of your children's freedom.

The DeMille Political Freedom Foundation calls upon you to enlist in their defense.

The Crusaders of old had as their motto: "God wills it"! We believe that God wills Americans to be forever free.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR  
RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

Knowing of your special interest in the project for the development and utilization of Special Service Contacts, I thought you would like to be advised regarding the progress made and the value derived from persons who are functioning in this capacity.

Since the inauguration of the Special Service Contact Desk in December, 1941, continued efforts have been made to use to advantage the offers of assistance made by prominent individuals throughout the United States who are dependable and reliable. The Field has been repeatedly urged to provide these persons with investigative assignments which they could adequately handle. The results obtained thus far have been very valuable in many instances, and have been well worth the time and effort expended in this direction.

The number of Special Service Contacts throughout the Field is, of course, necessarily limited since there is no solicitation and because consideration is restricted to individuals who are distinguished or prominent in their respective fields of endeavor. However, the program to date has advanced to a point where the Bureau now has listed in the special indices located throughout 42 Field Divisions.

A complete list reflecting the identity of all of the Bureau's Special Service Contacts by Field Division is attached hereto, and to illustrate the activities of some of the more prominent individuals who are engaged in assisting the Bureau, the following specifically set forth.

[redacted] has, as you will recall, been of considerable value in the past to the Los Angeles Field Division. His most recent contribution has been to make arrangements so that an informant could work with one of the contacts of Otto Katz, a leading Communist suspect, Fritz Lang, a motion picture director. As a result of the informant's [redacted] was able to provide valuable information concerning outside contacts of Lang regarding whom the Los Angeles Field Office had no previous information. [redacted] obtained the picture being produced immediately upon its completion and arranged for a private showing for the Special Agent in Charge and the Agents Interested in the case. It proved very enlightening since the influence of the Communist associates of Lang could be clearly seen in the picture, which was entitled, "Hangmen Also Die".

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During the investigation relative to Otto Katz, the names of famous motion picture personalities come to light, and through [ ] it is possible to immediately arrange for informant coverage on some of them, or from his own personal knowledge to obtain sufficient information so as to make further inquiry unnecessary.

According to the Los Angeles Field Office, [ ] has been very generous in devoting his time, and in view of his integrity and intricate knowledge of the motion picture industry, he is regarded as the most all-around valuable contact in this Field.

[ ] has provided the New York Field Office with considerable information regarding the international set in New York City. On a number of occasions he has arranged to entertain the subjects of cases socially which has resulted in his being able to provide considerable background and information of interest and value. His activities in this respect have been most effective in the cases entitled, "Dr. Rudolph Kommer; Espionage - G" and "Daniel Sickles; Internal Security - F". Kommer was an associate of Princess Stephanie Hohenlohe. Sickles is the son of an American diplomat.

[ ] has offered the Pittsburgh Field Office, in addition to his personal services, the use of his privately owned plane. He has been a very valuable contact for that Office and recently in the case entitled "Alan M. Scaife; Internal Security - G", he furnished confidential information which could not have been obtained in any other way. b7C

[ ] in New York City who is well known and highly regarded in social circles in that city by virtue of his many banking and brokerage contacts, has been able to lend a great deal of assistance. The New York Field Office has described him as the most prolific of all Special Service Contacts and he has given information of value in at least one hundred cases, mostly cases of a National Defense nature. He has facilitated the New York Office in establishing liaison with various banks and business concerns. He has provided reports on insurance companies and their executives which have been of value to the SIS Division.

[ ] has been assisting the New York Field Office in a very satisfactory fashion. His most noteworthy recent activities have been to furnish complete information regarding Wilson D. Bush, an Internal Security subject, and John J. Floharty, who was the subject of an inquiry by the Bureau regarding his being commissioned to write a book on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has many contacts among the Negroes in Harlem, New York, and in this connection has performed excellent work in suggesting names of individuals who might be b7C

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developed as Confidential Informants. He has been assigned several leads in National Defense cases which have been well handled.

[redacted] has handled a variety of leads in connection with National Defense matters and has submitted information of value to the New York Field Office. Recently he found a notebook in the Stork Club which contained German names and addresses, some of which were in Germany, and gave it to the New York Field Office.

[redacted] has been unusually enthusiastic contact for the New York Field Office. He handles his assignments with a minimum of supervision and in an expeditious manner. He has been requested on many occasions to obtain information regarding applicants and Internal Security and Espionage subjects. He is one of the hardest working contacts of the Office and has handled several hundred leads of varied importance.

[redacted] who is well known in New York Cafe Society, has been an excellent contact for the New York Field Office. Her efforts to be of assistance have been tireless and on many occasions she furnished information of value. She has proved to be of exceptionally great assistance in securing background information concerning individuals in New York City night life and society. Her enthusiasm is unbounded. Recently she was the source of confidential information to the effect that Averill Harriman is having an affair with Randy Churchill's wife. The affair, she advised, is being fully discussed in the "smarter set" of London and much displeasure is being voiced by most people there in view of the fact that Randy Churchill is the Prime Minister's son and has been wounded while serving on the battle fronts for his country. She advised that these people feel Harriman's attentions to Mrs. Churchill in the absence of her husband do not truly represent the expected attitude of a diplomat representing the United States. She also advised that it was her opinion that the actions of Harriman were definitely undermining the prestige of the United States in London.

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[redacted] on the Columbia Broadcasting System in New York City known as [redacted] has been an excellent Special Service Contact, having handled numerous requests for information in a highly discreet and desirable manner. Individuals possessing unusual hobbies, for whom he is constantly on the lookout, are interviewed and this procedure has, upon occasions, been used by [redacted] as a pretext for determining desired information in case leads which have been assigned to him for handling.

[redacted] interests in New York City, and a key man in the organization, has been given assignments for the New York Office to ascertain information regarding three firms which

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are located in Rockefeller Plaza. These he handled satisfactorily. He has submitted information requested of him in regard to Internal Security cases in an expeditious manner. His unique position enables him to provide information of a highly confidential character.

[redacted]  
has been very valuable to the New York Field Office. He has handled investigative leads assigned to him in an efficient, expeditious, and highly desirable manner. In his columns, which are published nationally, he frequently reflects very favorable comments pertaining to general Bureau activities. Recently he assisted the New York Office in identifying several photographs which were part of a pending case entitled, "Countess Doris Haggendorf; Internal Security".

[redacted] has travelled all over the United States, Mexico, and most of Europe. He is very prominent in politics in Laredo, Texas and the Democratic Party. He practically runs the city of Laredo. He has expressed a willingness to do anything possible to assist the Bureau, stating that he would go anywhere in the United States. From time to time he has provided information to the San Antonio Field Office regarding prominent people. His services have been very satisfactory and many times he has gone out of his way to aid the Office. Very recently his services were used in the case entitled, "William Prescott Allen - Registration Act".

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[redacted] Warner Brothers Studio, Hollywood, California, is very well acquainted with persons in the publicity, radio, and newspaper and magazine fields, particularly those who deal with the motion picture industry. He is reported to be the only Gentile member of the B'nai B'rith in Los Angeles and has access to the confidential records of this organization. He has arranged to personally conduct interviews with subjects of cases in the Los Angeles Field Office under pretext and has obtained valuable information as a result. On one occasion, when it was desired to have a subject engaged for a considerable period of time, he personally took him on a tour of the studio for three hours and talked with him at length in his office. In preparation for this particular interview, [redacted] spent several nights studying the history of the country from which the subject came in order that he could converse fluently with him.

In the case entitled, "Suspicious Activities in the Vicinity of the John Perona Estate, Sussex County, New Jersey. Internal Security",

[redacted] Special Service Contacts of the Los Angeles Field Office, assisted in an excellent manner. They provided extensive information regarding the purpose of a recent visit made by John Perona to Los Angeles, California and relative to personal history and background of his associates during the course of his stay there. In the

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event he returns, the Los Angeles Office feels that through their Special Service Contacts, complete coverage may be easily maintained on his activities. This case, you will recall, was referred to the Bureau by the President.

Respectfully,

S/ D. M. Ladd  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

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Director, FBI

Re: QUARTERLY REPORTS  
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS  
Bureau File 66-2542-3-26

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau communication of November 1st in connection with the Quarterly Reports on Special Service Contacts. There are set out below contacts maintained with these Special Service Contacts during the past quarter:

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[REDACTED] - - Also known as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have been contacted in connection with eight or ten different cases in the past. During the recent quarter they were contacted for information concerning STANLEY COWAN and BOBBY WORTH in a research matter.

They were also contacted in connection with the R. O. GERSON; Espionage matter. These individuals obtained specimens of suspect's typewriter which were submitted to the Bureau for examination.

[REDACTED] who is employed in the Legal Department of Fox Studio has not been contacted in recent months. It is not felt that this individual is of sufficient prominence to be of outstanding assistance as a Special Service Contact, and it is recommended that he be considered as a source of information in the future rather than as a Special Service Contact. His work is necessarily confined to the contractual relationship between persons under contract to the Fox Studio, and it is possible to obtain all of this information and a great deal on other matters of a general background nature from persons who are more widely acquainted in the industry than he is. It is felt that his knowledge is too confined to this particular studio to warrant his being considered as a Special Service Contact, and it is recommended that authority be granted to discontinue his designation as such.



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[REDACTED] has been contacted on many matters over a period of months and in the past quarter has rendered assistance in connection with a case entitled "OTTO KATZ - INTERNAL SECURITY - C". He has furnished information about FRITZ LANG and other associates of this individual.

[REDACTED] has also furnished background information in connection with a case entitled "GEORGE J. RONY - SECURITY MATTER". He furnished background information relative to JEFFRY BERNARD in a research case. Likewise, he was contacted and furnished background information with reference to EDWARD A. GOLDEN on a research matter.

He was also contacted for assistance in connection with our efforts to locate a Russian translator. However, he has not been successful in referring anyone to this office to date. He was out of town recently when contacted in another research matter, but has since returned and will be contacted again whenever possible.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has furnished information in connection with the "COMRADE" case with reference to background of GEORGE DAVIDSON, a real estate operator.

In addition, [REDACTED] furnished information in connection with the "MANKIND UNITED" case which was tried in this office some months ago.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] business address should be changed to reflect that he is at Warner Brothers Studio, Burbank, California. His business telephone is [REDACTED] his residence telephone is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been contacted more frequently than any other Special

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Service Contact and he has rendered more assistance than any other individual contact.

In connection with the case entitled "FRANZ PAUL WISBAR", [REDACTED] furnished background information relative to this person's position in the German film industry. In connection with the "JOHN CLEIN - SEDITION and IMPERSONATION" case, he furnished background information relative to CLEIN. He also furnished valuable background information in connection with the EDWARD GOLDEN research matter.

In connection with the investigation involving theft of jewels from a TWA airplane, he furnished information relative to possible suspects among known jewelers in New York City. He has also been contacted with reference to rendering assistance to an Informant in connection with the "COMMUNIST PARTY USA - INTERNAL SECURITY - C" case. He also furnished information with reference to a Dr. MICHELSON who broadcasts daily over Station KMTR in this city. b7C

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at Warner Brothers has furnished valuable information also in connection with the "JOHN CLEIN - SEDITION and IMPERSONATION" case, furnishing much background information in connection therewith. He also furnished very valuable information concerning the motion picture "MISSION TO MOSCOW" and the studio's activity in connection with this picture.

He also furnished valuable information with reference to the infiltration of the Communist Party into the motion picture industry. He furnished detailed background information about the efforts of the Party to establish an American Legion Post. He is in very frequent contact with Agents in connection with the Party infiltration into this industry.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is absent from Los Angeles; being in the East, and has been there for several months. She is contacted when she is in town and is able

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to furnish valuable information with reference to persons prominent in the motion picture circles.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has been contacted only with the Communist Party survey in motion pictures in recent months. He was unable to furnish information about a meeting of persons who run the Hollywood Canteen who allegedly voted on question of having girls on duty to dance with Negroes. It was learned from other sources that this matter was positively voted on, but [REDACTED] advised it was not considered. It is believed that his information was erroneous rather than that he intentionally furnished a false report.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has continued to furnish information in connection with Technocracy, Inc. His business telephone is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has been contacted by me personally in recent weeks. However, there has not been any investigative matter which was believed he could render any assistance on. He is being contacted in the near future on a matter that has just arisen, and as frequent contacts as possible will be maintained with him.

The business telephone number of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was formerly associated with the HAL ROACH Studio, but has severed his connection with this organization. He is not being used pending determination of what his future employment will be. Bureau will be advised in this matter in the immediate future.

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[REDACTED] has been utilized on the "JOHN CLEIN - SEDITION and IMPERSONATION" case, furnishing background information on individuals who are the subjects of inquiry in this matter. b7C

Increased efforts are being made to utilize services in several of the above-named contacts more frequently than they have been in the past, and those who have been used most frequently will be continued to be utilized.

Very truly yours,

  
R. B. HOOD, SAC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Los Angeles, California  
February 2, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: QUARTERLY REPORT  
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(Bureau File 66-2542-3-26)

Attention Mr. Chris Gallan

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Dear Sir:

There is submitted herewith the report on Special Service  
Contacts of this office for the past quarter.

[REDACTED]

There have been comparatively few matters recently that it appears  
these individuals could render assistance in; however, they have been con-  
tacted for information in connection with the racial survey, especially as  
it relates to negroes and the anti-Semitic activities.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has furnished information in connection with Communist  
Party activities, especially as they relate to the Hollywood Canteen. He  
was also contacted in connection with an investigation involving RODNEY  
SOHR for background information of this individual. He also was contacted  
in connection with the investigation involving JOHN CLEIN, Sedition. He  
furnished information relative to general black-market activities, which  
was reported to the appropriate Governmental agency.

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[REDACTED]

During the past quarter [REDACTED] was contacted in connection  
with the racial surveys as relates to the negro and anti-Semitic situations.  
An impersonation case involving an individual who used the name of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was also handled through him.

[REDACTED]

She was contacted in connection with the COMFAP investigation for  
information relative to VERA HEIFETZ of Los Angeles.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was contacted for background information of FRANZ PAUL WISBAR. He also furnished information in connection with inquiries concerning RITA HAYWORTH and CHARLES JUDSON. He furnished background information on a Dr. MICHAELSON, subject of an inquiry by this office. He was frequently contacted and furnished valuable information in the cases entitled "JOHN CLEIN, Sedition" and "WILLIAM GUTHRIE, Fraud Against the Government."

[redacted]  
[redacted] furnished information also in connection with the RITA HAYWORTH CHARLES JUDSON matter as well as JOHN CLEIN, Sedition, and WILLIAM GUTHRIE, Fraud Against the Government. He has been in frequent contact with Agents in connection with the Communist Party, U.S.A., investigation, furnishing valuable information with reference to the infiltration of the Party into the motion picture industry. He furnished confidential information concerning the scheduled visit of Vice-President WALLACE to this territory. He also furnished information concerning ROBERT W. KENNY, Attorney General of California, who is closely allied with certain Communistic elements.

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[redacted]  
This informant has been absent from the territory and has just returned within the past few days, and she is being contacted immediately to furnish information in connection with the COCASE.

[redacted]  
The only contact with this individual during the past quarter was in connection with the racial situation for information concerning anti-Semitism and the negro situation.

[redacted]  
He is active and continues to furnish information in connection with the Technocracy movement.



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[redacted] has been contacted and furnished information of value and is obtaining more information in connection with the negro situation in the local industrial picture and is also getting some information relative to the anti-Semitic situation here.

All of the above contacts are vitally interested in being of assistance to the Bureau, and they will be utilized to the fullest possible extent.

Very truly yours,

S. B. HOOD  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Los Angeles 13, California  
April 11, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: QUARTERLY REPORT  
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS  
(Bureau File 66-2542-3-26)  
(Bureau Letter of March 17, 1944)

Dear Sir:

Attention - Mr. CHRIS *Callan*

There is submitted herewith the report on Special Service Contacts of this office for the past quarter.

[REDACTED]

Since the submission of the last report, these individuals have been used in connection with the black market in railroad tickets in the Los Angeles area.

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[REDACTED] has been used to obtain information concerning the activities of Mrs. MARY CASTES. He attended recitals given by this individual and has furnished information relative to her and other cases on members of the Artists' Bureau. He also was used in connection with the investigation of a black market in railroad tickets in the Los Angeles area, and furnished information that an individual named HARRY STEIN, in Hollywood, has been concerned with this type of activity.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been contacted in regard to the anti-Semitic and racial questions in the Los Angeles area. In addition, he was used in obtaining information regarding A. RONALD PERKINS, an individual who had written the Bureau for material to be used in the preparation of a juvenile delinquency film.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been used in the investigation concerning Technocracy, and has given information regarding the activities of prominent Technocrats with whom she has become friendly.



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has given background information on GEORGE BRENT and NANCY TORRES, both of whom are currently under investigation. In ad-

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dition, he has been used in obtaining information on the case entitled, "Col. LEOPOLD PHILIPS, et al", a bribery investigation. [redacted] information has been used in connection with the investigation entitled, "Racketeering Activities in the Los Angeles Field Division", and he has also been in a position to give valuable information in the case entitled, "WILLIAM GUTHRIE, FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT".

[redacted]  
[redacted] has furnished information in connection with the "WILLIAM GUTHRIE, FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT" investigation. He has been in frequent contact with agents engaged in Communist investigations, and has given information concerning the Cinema Post No. 561 of the American Legion, giving complete details as to the number of members, the officers and organizational activity of this group. He also has been assisting in the "COMRAP" case, obtaining information regarding VLADIMIR POZNER, who is currently employed at Warner Bros. as a writer. [redacted] also obtained information regarding ERROL FLYNN's European trip in 1937, in connection with a National Defense investigation. [redacted] was also used in connection with the case involving GEORGE BRENT and NANCY TORRES, currently under investigation in this office.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] has not been in Los Angeles recently. She is presently vacationing in Palm Springs, and anticipates returning to this area sometime in May.

[redacted]  
[redacted] has become an active member of the Technocracy section in Pasadena and is currently attending meetings and submitting reports of the activities of his group, as well as making outside contacts in connection with Technocracy.

[redacted]  
[redacted] has been used in connection with the racial surveys currently being conducted by this office, particularly as regards the Negro and anti-Semitic situations.

It is felt that all of the above contacts are vitally interested in the work of the Bureau and I am sure are willing to be of service. Their efforts will be utilized to the fullest extent practicable.

Very truly yours,

  
R. B. HOOD

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Los Angeles 13, California  
January 15, 1945.

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RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS  
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Dear Sir:

In accord with Manual instructions, this letter is being furnished the Bureau to acquaint it with the activities of the Special Service Contacts of the Los Angeles Field Division since the submission of my letter dated October 9, 1944.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Reference is made to my letter of December 30, 1944, entitled, "Special Service Contact." The activities and investigative efforts of [REDACTED] were set out in that letter. In the case entitled "JOHN COLLINS, wa, Espionage - G," [REDACTED] is presently obtaining photographs of motion picture extras who are typed as pugilists. It is anticipated that this selection of photographs will be forwarded to New York for possible identification by one of the saboteurs.

In addition to the above investigation, [REDACTED] is continuing his activities regarding some of the persons mentioned in my letter of December 30, 1944.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has conducted some investigation in connection with JACOB HEIMANN (L.A. File 100-21816). In addition, he has been contacted relative to the gambling situation in this area in connection with the file entitled, "Crime Survey, Los Angeles Field Division." [REDACTED] is currently engaged in furnishing this office with information regarding A.F.R.A., and is securing the list of members, as well as officers.

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He has been contacted recently in reference to the following individuals: THOMAS L. HARRIS; JOHN COHEE, Dr. H. H. CHIANG, and CARVETH WELLS. [ ] is currently attempting to obtain information regarding labor racketeering in the motion picture industry, particularly with reference to the return of BROWNE or BIOFF or any of their subordinates to this area.

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[ ]  
Reference is made to my letter of December 29, 1944, entitled [ ] Special Service Contact, in which was set out information pertaining to [ ] efforts on behalf of this office.

In an investigation entitled "Unknown Subject, Ship Supply Provisions Company, Fraud against the Government (L.A. File 46-887)", [ ] has provided a cover for an agent of this office to work as a Union [ ] Company employee in the harbor area.

[ ]  
[ ]  
Reference is made to my letter of December 30, 1944, entitled [ ] Special Service Contact. In addition to the persons mentioned in that letter, some of which [ ] is still continuing to investigate, he has furnished information regarding DIXIE DAVIS, HERBERT CLYDE LEWIS, and IRVING YERGIN; also [ ] is currently furnishing information for the Crime Survey, particularly with regard to the gambling situation and the activities of prominent hoodlums.

[ ]  
[ ]  
[ ] has been used in obtaining information regarding the following persons:

DOROTHY DI FRASSO  
VIRGINIA HILL  
DAVID BEN AMI SASSOON  
JON HALL  
CHARLES CHAPLIN  
LILLIAN HELLMAN

BEN PLATT, JR.  
JEAN LEWIN  
ALLEN SMILEY  
TOMMY DORSEY  
ESPERANZA BAUER

GEORGE RAFT  
MAX SILVER  
BEN SIEGEL  
JOHN GARFIELD  
BO ROOS

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[ ] has also been used in connection with the COMRAP case, particularly with reference to an individual named DE RACHET. [ ] has just returned from WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST'S ranch at San Simeon, California.

In connection with the persons mentioned above, [ ] has furnished background information as well as the current activities of these people. He is being used in the Crime Survey with regard to gambling and racketeering in the Beverly Hills area.

[ ] is furnishing information concerning activities of bookmakers in connection with the investigation entitled "Racketeering Activities in the Los Angeles Field Division." In addition, he has furnished material regarding the racketeers in labor unions, particularly those unions having to do with the clothing business. Recently he has been working with agents of this office in connection with the investigation entitled "GULMER F. DICKSON, et al., Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter," (L.A. File 71-164). [ ] has been used in an attempt to identify some of the persons presently under investigation.

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[ ] is being used in the GULMER F. DICKSON file mentioned above and also on general Communist matters. He has furnished information regarding JAMES ALLEN, alias MOSKOWITZ. He is currently being used in the investigation entitled "Racketeering Activities in the Los Angeles Field Division," particularly with regard to the labor unions affiliated with the motion picture industry.

In the case entitled "ALVIN JOHN BLAIR, was; JAMES JOSEPH HORAN, was, IO 1603; RALPH GRECO, was; REGINALD GARDINER, was, First National Bank, Suffield, Connecticut, July 21, 1938, [ ] was able to identify a picture of one CHARLES EMMETT as identical with a motion picture extra named CHARLES PERRY. This person was alleged to have been a companion of HORAN'S. It should be pointed out that in the current investigation

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entitled "REBECCA KULLBERG, Mrs. ALICE HOUGH, Victim, Extortion, (L.A. File 9-781) [redacted] brought to the writer's attention the fact that JOAN CRAWFORD had received threatening letters and that the studio plant protection department had been investigating the case. [redacted] information was the first indication this office had of a potential Federal violation.

[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] has recently returned to the Los Angeles area, and although she has not been utilized in the past few weeks, is being retained as a Special Service Contact because of her excellent connections with high social circles in Beverly Hills. It is anticipated that she will be utilized in current investigations in the near future.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD,  
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AIRMAIL



STATEMENT OF CECIL B. DEMILLE

at a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon  
given by William M. Jeffers, President,  
Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, Neb.,  
March 17, 1945

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DATE 9/14/87 BY sp7mac/dd

Mr. Jeffers, Governor Griswold, and Fellow Americans. And to my friends of the air.

Greetings from Omaha on this day that honors the Shamrock.

I have been asked to tell you the reason why I no longer conduct the Radio Theatre of the air that for many years has brought good drama to many millions of Americans. It may be of little importance to anyone but me that I no longer conduct this theatre, but it is of vital importance to every man, woman and child in this nation why I no longer conduct it.

There are many distinguished guests in this room today - union members, civic and industrial leaders. I hope they and the listeners on the air hear me - not as a jury but as the fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters of American children - and American men and women fighting on the battlefronts of the world - and listen to me just as the good Americans you are.

But because my case involves a disagreement with a union, or at least with union authority, it is important for you to know that I hold in the highest regard the American Labor Unions. They have done a fine job for the American laborer. And the magnificent and superhuman job that the American working man has done during this war (regardless of exceptions) makes one of the greatest sagas of unified endeavor the world has ever witnessed.

Mr. Jeffers is a union man. He has carried a union card for 51 years. As a union man, he rose to be president of the great Union Pacific railroad.

He was not of the landed gentry. His father pounded earth behind the track-layers - as this pioneer railroad crawled westward. And Bill Jeffers got a job as a telegrapher, joined the telegraphers' union - from choice - and rose to be president of the Road - not by force or coercion or political maneuvers - but because he was the best man.

That is free America. That is the land of opportunity - when the son of an Irish immigrant becomes president of the Railroad on which his father shovelled dirt and drove spikes.

My host is a good union man. Many of these guests are good union men. And I believe that I am a good union man. But I would not consider myself a good union man if I did not object when I believe my union is making a mistake - nor would I consider myself a good union man if I obeyed my union boss' orders to pay money to support or oppose a proposition at an election when I hold a different political belief, any more than I would consider myself a good American citizen if I voted the way a POLITICAL boss told me to vote if I did not think he was right.

Nor would I support any person or measure that I thought was against the best interests of the nation - no matter who told me to do so. Would you?

My case is simple. It is the right of every American workman. It is THE RIGHT TO BE POLITICALLY FREE.

Political freedom is the backbone of the Republic. Destroy it and you have broken the back of the United States.

I am a union man and I believe I am speaking for an overwhelming majority of union men - leaders and members both - when I say the American workman must be free from coercion and intimidation - with the right to make up his own mind at an election what candidates and measures he shall approve or disapprove - to which candidates and measures he shall give his money and support, and to which he shall refuse his money and his support.

For nearly ten years I have conducted a Radio Theatre of the air. After I had been conducting it for a year or so, a union was formed under the title of the American Federation of Radio Artists. I was asked to join and did so, and paid my \$100 a year dues without question.

But when I signed for membership, I did not mean it to be a proxy, giving the union leaders the use of my free rights as a voter.

In joining the union, I did not suspect that I was required to give up my rights as an American citizen - or that I would ever be asked to place unionism above Americanism - or that I would not be free to support what party, people or propositions I desired to support - or that I would actually be removed from my job because I would not concede the right of others to think for me politically.

Freedom has made America great, and there can be no freedom for the nation if its people are not individually free.

About August 16th, 1944, I received a letter from AFRA (that's the abbreviated name for my union), the first paragraph of which reads as follows,

"By action of the Board of Directors of AFRA, each member has been assessed \$1.00 to finance the campaign in opposition to No. 12 or the mis-titled 'Right of Employment Amendment' to be submitted on the State Ballot in November."

The last paragraph of the letter says in part:

"Immediate payment of assessment is required. It must be paid on or before September 1st, 1944. Failure to pay will result in suspension."

Suspension, of course, automatically costs you your job.

You will note the Board of Directors made the assessment for a political purpose without calling the members to meeting. Without any authority they made up the minds of 2300 members that those members were opposed to Proposition 12. They did not ask a contribution of one dollar - they demanded one dollar on threat of suspension - and suspension denies the right to work.

In the by-laws of the Los Angeles AFRA Local, there is no mention of the right to assess for any purpose.

And upon my refusal to pay, on the grounds that my political beliefs were my own, I was told that I could not work. In other words, my right to earn a living depended upon my supporting somebody else's political opinion contrary to my own.

You see, this is not a question of unionism or non-unionism. It is just a question of whether my rights at an election belong to me or whether they belong to a union.

And on that simple question rests the fate and future of this nation - whether we are to be a totalitarian country or a Democracy. And we are not a Democracy by just calling ourselves a Democracy. Democracy means freedom of choice.

Do we have to sell that freedom of choice for the right to earn a living?

I do not believe that is the purpose for which labor unions were formed. I do not believe that is the desire of the true American labor leaders. I know it was not the desire of Samuel Gompers - for it is un-American. And it is one hundred per cent wrong.

But AFRA was defending its power and I was defending my right - so we went to court.

A judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County found in favor of the union - on the ground, and mark this well - on the ground that Proposition 12 was not a political issue.

Here was a proposition on the ballot to change the Constitution of the State of California - a proposition that had over one million votes cast for it, and over one million votes cast against it - a measure which the absent soldier vote supported two-to-one. But the Court holds that it is not political - because it opposed the closed shop.

And the union, so said the Court, was fighting for its existence. So the issue was not political.

Here in Omaha - where you have the Railroad Brotherhoods which are among the greatest and best unions in the world, operating as an open shop under the Railway Labor Act of the Congress of the United States - it must seem strange to you that the Los Angeles judge said that the American Federation of Radio Artists was fighting for its existence because it was threatened with what you already have and under which you have grown into such a great, wise and powerful union - with the open shop.

The Los Angeles County judge apparently agrees with me that a political assessment is wrong - but not if a union needs the money to fight a proposition affecting it to be voted on by three million people.

So we have, at least in Los Angeles County, one law for the union and another for the lonely citizen who still has illusive hopes that we are living under a Constitutional Government with one law for all.

Well, we are living under a Constitutional Government and I'm trying to find out whether it's the Constitution of the United States - or the constitution of a union.

In the first court decision, I found out.

But there is a famous case in which another Court held: "It is not enough to say that a man's vote has not been influenced. It is also necessary for his freedom that he shall not have been coerced into supporting, by money or otherwise, the candidate or measure which he wishes to oppose."

Are we a totalitarian state or are we a Democracy - and does Democracy mean freedom of the individual or only freedom for the union and the ruling powers?

The Devil wears many faces, and the American people want to see what face is really behind this new mask of False Democracy. Who is it that controls the God-given right to earn a living? Who is this power that can condemn a man and his family to starvation if they don't comply with its desires?

Is this unseen power guided and inspired by the spirits of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Lincoln? Is it inspired by the love of America and her tradition of freedom? Or is it inspired by a selfish desire for its own political advantage and power? What do you think?

From where did such ominous power arise in this land of the free? It comes from forced election contributions and control of a heavy voting power placed in a few hands - which gives a relatively few people coercive power over Legislatures and Congress, and even may affect our courts.

This is no issue of unionism. It is an issue between all liberty-loving citizens and a few unscrupulous men who are trying to gather into their own hands, for their own use, the Power of the People - just as it was gathered in Germany and in Italy and in other totalitarian countries.

And if it is not quickly stopped, all individual rights and freedom will be gone - and only the right to obey left to us.

Thomas Jefferson said, "Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God."

The great majority of union membership and officers are fine, right-thinking American men and women. And yet we find a nation indignant and outraged against many unions - an army opposed to and threatening them...many courts and Legislatures in terror of them. Why?

Because certain leaders have forsaken the high purpose for which the union was created, and have gone into politics to control and bend the nation to their will.

As the war moves on, country after country sees the spectre of oppression and government by small cliques loom larger and darker over the world. The United States is no exception to this trend.

It is a pity that the Monroe Doctrine does not apply to foreign ideology as well as to foreign guns.

President Madison said, "It is proper to take alarm at the first experiment on our liberties."

And Abraham Lincoln wrote, "At what point is the approach of danger to be expected? If it ever reach us, it must spring from amongst us...if destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher."

What does Lincoln say? That we cannot be defeated by an enemy from without - that if we ever go down to destruction, it will be from an enemy within.

To avoid this, I ask that political freedom be restored to the American working man. As long as a union remains the servant of the worker and not his master, both are safe.

I have great faith in the American people. If they retain their freedom, America retains her freedom. If the people sell their freedom - or it is taken from them by regimentation - no matter under what patriotic name it masquerades - if the right of Free

Choice is taken from us, to be administered by our bosses, America is through. Its purpose is dead.

This nation was conceived in Liberty. For the sake of all mankind, don't let it die in bondage.

I am not speaking here for or against a closed shop. But a closed shop constitutes a monopoly of labor - and where any monopoly exists, it should be controlled and regulated for the welfare of the community. It should be governed by the same kind of laws and restrictions that apply to a water company which controls all the water, or an electric company which controls all the light and power.

Such companies cannot refuse service to a man because he will not contribute a dollar to their political campaign fund.

Where there is an uncontrolled monopoly of anything, including labor, as in my case, there is tyranny. Power corrupts, but absolute power corrupts absolutely.

The American people do not favor, and I believe they will not endure Tyranny. But there has been built up in this country an unelected government which is superseding in power and authority the elected government. And a dissenting voice raised against this unelected but all-encompassing power is condemned to obliteration, branded with the standard name of labor hater, labor baiter, fascist, and other venomous terms; whereas, in reality, he is only pleading for Constitutional Government for all - the same law for the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated, the majority and the minority, union and non-union - he is speaking out against the injustice of one imposing its will upon the other.

There must be 80 or 90 million citizens of the United States who still believe in Constitutional Government and freedom of the individual.

These 80 or 90 millions must forget that they are Democrats or Republicans, or Protestants or Catholics, union or non-union - and unite to save their individual liberty and their rights as free Americans - unite to prevent our government, our Congress, our legislatures, and our courts from being high-pressured into submission by any minority groups of individuals operating for private purpose and gain - groups that have taken to themselves the divine right to control human destiny - even the right of life and death by control of the right to work.

Unfortunately, un-American elements seem to have captured many sources of public information and dissemination of news, with the result that millions of unorganized, plain common sense Americans find themselves without outlets for the expression of their views. But 80 million or more still exist.

In many instances, those who would speak out are frightened by the "smear" technique which the un-American elements have adopted toward all who oppose them. However, somewhere, somehow, these millions of plain common sense people are going to find leadership and outlets for the expression of their will.

Then, like Gulliver - the sleeping giant of the great American people - bound down by the strings of the Boss Lilliputians - will rise up and walk.

We must find a voice for the great mass of Americans who want to cry out against the rape of American Freedom.

We have fought five wars to a successful conclusion under our Constitution. I can see no reason for scrapping it in this one.

We have won the Battle of the Atlantic. The Battle of the Pacific, the Battle of France, and the Battle of the Philippines are won. And we are nearing victory, thank God, in the Battle of Germany. And all during these gallant and heavy-priced victories we have been losing the Battle of America on the home front - losing the very purpose for which these other battles were fought.

If our men, whom we sent out to fight for Freedom and the American way of life, return and find that we have changed from government by law to government by men -

That many of our courts no longer strive for justice but are ruled by political expediency -

That government of the people is no longer by the people but by high-pressure minority groups -

That the one safeguard that remained to us, the people - our free rights at an election - has been taken from many of us and delivered to a union Board of Directors -

That people in this country have been denied the right to work - forced from a trade or profession to which they have given their lives - condemned to idleness and the dole because they will not contribute to the political beliefs of others -

What will they say - these men who have been fighting on every battlefield in the world. What will they say when they find that we at home have surrendered America - that we have been guilty of treason to our fighting forces by letting an enemy come in behind them and cut away their individual freedom while their blood was being shed for it abroad.

Have we as a nation become so afraid to assert ourselves that we will sell our children into slavery?

If we throw away now the gifts of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln - if we undo now the work of the countless thousands who have given their lives for Liberty, we shall be guilty of a crime against God and man that it will take centuries to expiate.

This country is the hope of mankind, and it was built upon the rock of individual liberty.

My voice is the voice of one crying in the Wilderness - make straight your paths for freedom, God's greatest gift to man.

It will be a hollow victory to you mothers whose sons are fighting abroad if they must return to serfdom here at home. They did not pay for the right to fight. Must they pay for the right to work?

You can stop this abuse of power - and you can stop government from sanctioning such abuse of power - if you organize for just one thing - the right of the worker to be politically free.

And hang onto Constitutional Government as you would to a life-raft in a boiling sea. The Constitution of the United States and the governing power of Congress are being replaced by administrative bodies with the power of making regulations which have the force of law.

This is dictatorship. You can stop this only through organization.

Too many Americans - big and little - have run to cover in the hope they can hide out through the storm - afraid of the propaganda machine that has been turned against them to shoot maledictions, as a machine gun shoots bullets.

Don't think we are only threatened with totalitarianism. To a great extent we have totalitarianism today, because too many business men and laboring men alike have been Neros who fiddle while the Liberty of their country burns.

I do not think that all who follow this course toward totalitarianism are bad Americans. Many of them are blind Americans who cannot see the net of regimentation into which they are swimming like a school of fish.

And the bait that draws so many eager fish is the alluring sound of Free from Worry, Free from Fear, Free from Want, free from everything - including Freedom!

This is really no Utopian dream for the working man. It's the harnessing and enslaving of American might for private and political use.

Remember that all through history every free Democracy has lasted but a few centuries and then passed into a dictatorship.

Don't be regimented. Don't be forced into obeying the political orders of your boss - union or industrial.

William Penn said, "Obedience without liberty is slavery."

Many of you are still free men and women. It is for you to rescue those of us who have felt the hand of Tyranny upon us, before you yourselves are regimented and your right to work is taken from you as mine has been from me.

Edmund Burke, a good Irishman, warned, "When bad men combine, the good must unite - else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in an unequal struggle."

The unions were formed for better conditions and opportunity and freedom. The union man is in danger of losing for himself and his children and his grandchildren the very freedom and opportunity for which his union was created. All freedom depends on a truly free election.

In closing, may I say that I miss, more than I can tell you, my visit in 10 million homes every Monday night. The friendship of those unseen millions warmed my heart, as nothing in life has ever done - but I would rather never visit them again than visit them as a betrayer of the principles that made those homes possible.

There is one union that I place above all others - the Union of the United States of America.

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Los Angeles 13, California  
April 15, 1945.

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Director, FBI

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of January 15, 1945, captioned as above. In accord with Manual instructions, the present letter is being written to inform the Bureau of the present activities of Special Service Contacts of this Field Division since the submission of the previous letter.

[REDACTED]

For the information of the Bureau, [REDACTED] gave up the production of the proposed picture [REDACTED] after an investment of around \$200,000.00 because of the fact that the Mexican Government wished to convey certain ideas and thoughts to the audience through the picture. [REDACTED] refused to accept any form of Governmental interference with the production and so canceled the entire affair. He is currently engaged in the production of a picture concerning [REDACTED] which will deal particularly with the founding of [REDACTED]

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Since the submission of the last letter, [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] for SERGI RADAMSKY, who was the subject of an investigation by this office. In addition, he has assigned a casting director to the task of attempting to identify COLLINS in the case entitled "JOHN COLLINS, was, Espionage - G." From this investigation it was determined that COLLINS could not have been registered under his true name with Central Casting.

[REDACTED] has also done considerable work on an individual named RAMON REACHI, having a man from his organization call on the former, making a survey of the premises and obtaining a list of the clients serviced by REACHI. In addition, [REDACTED] furnished this office with a biographical background of RAMON REACHI, having his sources in Mexico City furnish information which was given to this office.

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In addition to the above, [ ] has been used in the case of WILLIAM FOCH and HENRY LUBE.

The Bureau is familiar with the fact that [ ] has been extremely busy with his jurisdictional dispute between himself and AFRA. Legislation has been introduced into the California Legislature at Sacramento to prohibit assessments by unions for political purposes, and this proposed legislation is called [ ]. Also, an organization called the [ ] is opening offices in Los Angeles, funds to be contributed by voluntary means, and the purpose of the organization is to "insure the right of everyone, union or non-union alike, to be politically free."

For the information of the Bureau, four copies of a recent Nation-wide radio talk by [ ] are being attached hereto.

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[ ] has been contacted regarding the following:

The United Nations Forum, a radio program. [ ] listened to this program in connection with furnishing information to this office regarding THOMAS L. HARRIS, JOHN COHEE, Dr. H. H. CHIANG, and CARVETH WELLS. In an effort to obtain the names of reliable advertising executives who might be used in connection with investigations of this office, [ ] furnished names of several individuals whom he personally knows and who, he feels, would be anxious to assist the FBI and entirely reliable.

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In connection with the COMRAP investigation, [ ] was contacted for information concerning ALVIN WILDER and SAM BALTER. He also has been used in investigations involving LUDWIG STOESEL and JACOB HEIMANN.

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Since my letter of January 15, 1945, [ ] has been used in the investigation entitled "Unknown Subject, Ship Supply Provisions Company, F.A.G.," wherein [ ] provided a cover for an agent of this office for a period of five weeks while investigation was being conducted.

Director, FBI

April 15, 1945

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Reference is made to my letter dated March 7, 1945, entitled  
[redacted] "Special Service Contact," wherein information concerning  
[redacted] activities since the submission of the January 15, 1945,  
letter was set forth.

[redacted] has been furnishing this office with information  
pertaining to the current jurisdictional strike in motion picture studios.  
As a member of the [redacted] has access to first-hand  
information concerning the strike, and reference is made to my teletype  
dated March 23, 1945, entitled "Motion Picture Strike, Sabotage."

He follows the practice of forwarding to this office all  
literature which in his opinion is Communistic in nature and recently  
secured a copy of the booklet entitled "Soviet Culture in War Time," which  
was furnished agent. In addition, he has given information concerning  
DALTON TRUMBO, HARRY BRIDGES, CHARLIE EINFELD, LEONARD GRUMET, ALVAH H.  
BESSIE.

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[redacted] called this office to state that JOE BOWKER,  
Assistant to the Attorney General, visited with CHARLIE EINFELD for several  
days in the middle of March, last. He also volunteered information that  
one EDDIE COLLINS, who, he stated, is a "big-time con man," is in the Los  
Angeles area.

[redacted]  
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[redacted] has been used in securing information concerning  
the following individuals:

JOHN COLLINS  
NICKEY ARNSTEIN  
THE HOLLYWOOD CANTEN  
CHARLES CHAPLIN  
PAUL KALMANOVITZ  
THE CLOVER CLUB  
THE MOCAMBO

THEODORE DREISER  
Major DOOLEY  
LUDWIG STORSEL  
HARRY BRIDGES  
NATHAN SHERRY  
THE TROCADERO  
THE LA RUE

GEORGE RAFT  
JOHN GARFIELD  
JEAN LEWIN  
RONALD V.C. BODNEY  
IVAN STAUFER  
JERRY'S JOINT

Director, FBI

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In connection with the case entitled "Crime Survey, Los Angeles Field Division, [ ] has volunteered to make a survey of the night clubs in Beverly Hills and the Sunset Strip area, furnishing information regarding gambling conditions, ownership, as well as clientele frequenting these establishments.

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[ ]  
[ ] has furnished information concerning the bookmaking situation in Los Angeles, making inquiry among bookmakers of his acquaintance.

He was used in the investigation entitled "CULMER F. DICKSON, et al., Interstate Shipment of Obscene Matter," Bureau File 71-1788.

Reference is made to my memorandum entitled "Black Market in Railroad Tickets, Los Angeles Field Division," dated February 14, 1945, which sets out information volunteered to this office by [ ] In connection with the investigation entitled "GILBERT E. DIXON, et al., Theft from Interstate Shipment," [ ] made an analysis of secret identification marks on the more prominent brands of men's shoes. In addition, he gave information concerning the manufacturers of woolen goods and made several telephone calls to friends of his in Chicago, Illinois, in an effort to obtain information concerning secret identification markings in men's clothing.

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Reference is made to my letter of January 23, 1945, wherein information was set forth concerning [ ] It will be noted that the present letter is the first resume furnished the Bureau of [ ] activities since being designated a Special Service Contact. He has furnished information concerning the following individuals:

EDDIE MAGUIRE  
JACK GILFORD  
ERNEST RALPH WHITMAN  
GENE WILSON  
FRANK ORSATTI  
HERBERT BIBERMAN

LOLA B. MOORE  
SAUL R. BOIM  
REX INGRAM  
ROBERT KESTERSON  
CHESTER FRANCIS WALLACE CROMWELL  
FRANCES RAKE

ALFREDO C. OPPUS  
JAMES B. CASSIDY  
CARL S. SNYDER  
Capt. LINCOLN WILLIAM

Director, FBI

April 15, 1945.

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Arrangements have been made with [redacted] to secure scripts of certain motion pictures for review by agents of this office in connection with investigations of Communist infiltration into the motion picture industry. [redacted] has established connections with various studios and will borrow whatever scripts this office desires to check. In addition he showed the motion picture "The Master Race" to agents of this office in connection with the same investigation and will obtain other motion pictures for private showing.

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Reference is made to my letter entitled, [redacted] Special Service Contact," dated February 24, 1945; also, to my memorandum entitled "Motion Picture Strike, Information Concerning," dated March 23, 1945.

[redacted] has been furnishing information concerning the current motion picture jurisdictional strike and has become friendly with HERBERT SORRELL, leader of the faction which is disturbing the power of the I.A.T.S.E. From his association with SORRELL, [redacted] is furnishing this office with information regarding the strike. [redacted] has been ill for several weeks, since the submission of the letter dated February 24, 1945, concerning his activities.

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[redacted]  
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[redacted] has been in Mexico considerably of late and has not been utilized by this office. She is still being carried as a Special Service Contact, however, because of her excellent social position and her ability to obtain information.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD,  
SAC

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 13, 1945.

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT

On June 6, 1945, [REDACTED] Special Service Contact, b7C gave a speech before the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Pasadena, California. This talk was released over Radio Station KHJ.

For the information of the Bureau, a copy of [REDACTED] talk is attached. It will be noted that on Pages 4 and 5 Mr. [REDACTED] quotes from JOHN EDGAR HOOVER in reference to Communists.

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The DeMille Political Freedom Foundation  
9th floor Merritt Building  
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For release  
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June 6, 1945

ADDRESS BY CECIL B. DEMILLE

Before the Junior Chamber of Commerce  
Huntington Hotel, Pasadena, California  
June 6, 1945 - 9:30 P. M.

Mr. Richards, Mr. Hanes, fellow Americans.

Not long ago I heard one of the distinguished editors invited by General Eisenhower to inspect the German prison camps tell of his experience. The remark that struck me most was this -- that in all Germany he heard no laughter.

Try to imagine a world without laughter. Try to imagine laughter extinguished like a snuffed candle -- the carefree laughter of children - the awakening laughter of youth - the quiet laughter of the old - the soft, gentle laughter of women - the hearty laughter of men in the prime of life -- all gone, silenced, replaced by tears, by fears, and by despair.

Such is Germany at the end of the road of totalitarianism.

Mussolini defined totalitarianism as everything within the state - nothing outside the state - nothing above the state. I think my son defined it much better when he said: "Totalitarianism is one man at the top telling everybody at the bottom what to do. And Democracy is everybody at the bottom telling the one man at the top what to do."

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You here tonight are interested in youth. So am I. I may no longer possess youth in body, but I am trying to retain it in mind and heart.

Youth is impetuous, strong, creative -- as Shakespeare put it "ripe for exploits and mighty enterprises". What it lacks is the wisdom that comes from experience. I have said to my children and my grandchildren, "If there were only some way that I could give you the understanding that comes from 64 years of experience." For experience is a great teacher, but she has no free schools.

The impatience of the young, the fire of their enthusiasm often sweeps them into places where later they wish they had not gone, and the result is the problem of juvenile delinquency which the Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce has set itself to meet in this community. I am told that for 15 years you have made it possible for this group to do both preventive and corrective work for youth through the Boys' Club, through summer camps, through individual aid -- and above all, through the Youth Betterment Board which enlists the personal interest of some of Pasadena's finest citizens in giving a fresh start and a new direction to pre-delinquent boys.

Benjamin Disraeli said: "The Youth of a nation are the trustees of Posterity." The support you give to any work that benefits youth is the building of a trust fund for America, and your dividends are paid in the laughter that we never want silenced in America.

What is it that makes the difference between American youth -- laughing, hopeful and thrilling to life -- and the youth



in totalitarian countries, trained to hate?

You can see the difference plainly enough. The S.S. guards at the prison camps of Buchenwald and Dachau were youngsters - many of them children - when Hitler came to power. Trained to hatred and to sadistic cruelty, these children, grown to arrogant manhood, have perpetrated unspeakable horrors.

What brings about a frame of mind that could permit one group of human beings to do to another group what was done to the prisoners at Buchenwald, at Dachau and at the other camps? What mental process must a man go through so to deprave himself that he can coldly and callously torture his human victim without a shadow of pity or remorse? What is it?

It is a poison pumped into the bloodstream of youth -- the venomous doctrine that there is no God but the dictator, that human beings have no inherent rights, that there is no freedom except the freedom to obey. Add to this an inoculation of hatred -- for this perversion of humanity must feed upon hate directed against anyone who differs -- and the result is the disease of which Buchenwald and Dachau are the putrid symptoms.

These doctrines were only theory up to the end of the last war. Since then they have been put into practice in Italy and Germany and in other totalitarian countries. In some places they called it Fascism. Elsewhere they call it Communism. But these names are only different faces of the same coin, and both of its faces are evil.

After Pearl Harbor our government acted quickly to suppress some of our native fascists. But there has been a strange tolerance manifested toward American Communists.

I am not talking about the Russian people -- magnificent fighters in the European war just ended. I am talking about those referred to by an American whom all other Americans trust - Mr. J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation - who said less than a year ago, and I quote: "The Fascists and Nazis were not the only menace to our internal security. To their forces must be added the American Communists with their godless, truthless philosophy of life. They are against the America our forefathers fought and died for; they are against the established freedoms of America. They pose behind a dozen fronts. They have endeavored to infiltrate practically every strata of life.

"Over the years, the American Communists have developed a propaganda machine and a nefarious and elaborate school system of their own. Their officials in secret and public meetings urge that the propaganda phase of their work must be accelerated. Brazenly they have urged the development of courses, lectures and assemblies as media to espouse the ideologies of Marxism, and to establish Marxism as a school of thought in the United States.

"And even in the chameleon cloak in which they have now enshrouded themselves, the American Communists still proclaim their loyalty to Marxism. The Communist Trojan Horse has now become the Trojan Snake in American life." Unquote from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F.B.I.

And the Communists' propaganda has been largely successful; so much so, that anyone who speaks with the forthrightness of J. Edgar Hoover will find himself accused of stirring up trouble among the United Nations!

But let Mr. Hoover answer that himself. I quote from him

again: "When they preach unity, let us not forget that when we were struggling to prepare for defense, they preached pacifism and fought our efforts to aid our allies and to build our common defenses..... There is a distinction between respecting our ally Russia and respecting those within our country who would destroy all that we believe in." Unquote.

We can be good neighbors with the people next door. without copying their furniture or wallpaper. We like our American furniture. It was made by good craftsmen. One of them was John Adams, second President of the United States, who wrote: "Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make a good use of it. If you do not, I shall repent in heaven that I ever took half the pains to preserve it."

Freedom is not free. It has to be paid for, fought for, worked for, and died for.

Our freedom has been paid for by the long line of martyrs stretching from the early Christians who would not bend the knee to the totalitarian Nero, down to the last American boy whose blood has crimsoned the soil of Hitler's totalitarian Europe. God forbid that we should have to pay that price again -- the next time, perhaps, on our own soil.

There are only two ways to avoid it. One is by appeasement -- Hitler and Hirohito have taught us where that road leads. The other is by resistance -- taking alarm, as President James Madison warned "at the first experiment on our liberties".

That first experiment is being made - through forced political assessments -- compelling a working man to contribute

to a political campaign fund or be deprived of his right to earn a living if he refuses.

It does not seem possible that such a statement can be made of the United States -- but it's true.

Under the closed shop, first you are required to join a union in order to earn a living for your family and yourself. You sign a contract with a union -- the terms, of course, are dictated by the union leaders. Your only choice is to sign "as is" - or you don't work. You have to work to live, so you sign.

Then along comes an election. You are an American, so you read and study about the people and measures you are to vote on. Perhaps you are a Democrat, perhaps you are a Republican, perhaps you are a Socialist -- so you make up your mind as a good American to support what your intelligence and conscience may dictate.

Then you receive a letter, as I did, instructing you to send a sum of money to the union to oppose a measure you feel should be supported. You decline to oppose with your money a measure that you intend to vote for at the polls. For this act of self-determination you are deprived of your job and your living.

This is more than tyranny. It is totalitarianism. It is a few people making up the minds of all those who have come under their power. This is not democracy. It is dictatorship.

The law protects the political freedom of workers against coercion by their employers. And this is as it should be. But nothing, so far, protects the workers against political coercion

by their union bosses.

In Massachusetts less than three weeks ago, a truck driver was expelled for life from the Teamsters Union because he testified before a committee of the Legislature in favor of bills prohibiting union contributions to political campaigns and requiring unions to file annual financial statements.

If the union operates under closed shop in Massachusetts, that man can never again work at his trade as long as he lives.

The Bill of Rights forbids Congress to abridge the people's right of petition -- the right this man exercised -- or to deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law. But the Local deprived this man of the right to work.

I ask again: do the constitution and the by-laws of a union, a corporation or any organization take precedence over the Constitution of the United States?

I have been asking that question for some time. So far, the only answer I have had is that my motion pictures are historically inaccurate, or that "it's regrettable that Mr. deMille has joined forces with those whose eyes are fixed on yesterday". I am quoting the President of the American Federation of Radio Artists who goes on to say: "There's something new in this land. Haven't you heard?"

Yes, we've heard. We've heard William Z. Foster, one-time Communist candidate for President of the United States, say: "When a Communist heads a government in the United States, that government will not be a capitalistic government, but a Soviet government. And behind this government will stand the red army

to enforce the dictatorship of the proletariat."

Yes, we've heard this new thing, and we don't like the sound of it. It has the sound of clanking chains and concentration camps.

I am not identifying unionism with communism. That is what I am trying to prevent -- just what happened to labor unions in Russia, where, according to John L. Lewis, "unions are an integral part of the Communist state and purchase the meager right of mere existence by abject servility". The Communist "fractions" in American unions have those same designs upon American labor.

The American Communist tune has changed since William Z. Foster was honest and open enough to state his plan for a Soviet America, but I don't believe the leopard has changed his spots. And if some varieties of snake shed their old skins, they remain the same reptiles in their new ones.

I repeat -- I am not identifying communism with labor unionism. It is the Communists in labor unions who are trying to do that.

It is time for the responsible leaders of union labor -- William Green, Philip Murray, John L. Lewis -- and the heads of the independent unions -- to show their courage and get rid of the racketeers and parasites who are eating their way into the labor movement and who will swallow it whole if they can.

It is time for the responsible union leaders to clean the union house for the benefit of the union members and the benefit of the country. If these leaders cannot or will not do the necessary housecleaning, the American people will do it for them.

And the danger is that reactionary and anti-union forces will take advantage of the forced housecleaning to tear down the house -- to destroy what sound American unionism and collective bargaining have achieved for the American working man and woman and for their children.

The average American worker -- the average union man -- is no foreign ideologist. He is a sane, fine, regular American citizen. His home is an American home. He wants his children to be American in their principles and their ideals. He is loyal to his union -- as he should be -- but his first loyalty belongs, under God, to the United States.

Talk to the rank-and-file of union men -- when they dare to talk -- and you will find that they want a union housecleaning. But they are largely powerless, and they are deceived.

They are powerless, when keeping their jobs depends on keeping in the good graces of some racketeer. They are powerless when boss rule takes the place of democratic union meetings.

They are deceived, as the people of Germany and Italy and other countries were deceived, by a steady diet of propaganda having no relation to fact or truth.

You and I and the other average Americans were brought up to believe that lying was despicable. Communism has another morality on this subject -- and many others. In the phrase of Comrade Yaroslavsky, "Whatever helps the proletarian revolution is ethical".

Is there any difference between this and the Nazi morality which made the Fuehrer's will the supreme standard of right and wrong -- and which created Buchenwald and Dachau?

Little by little the same totalitarianism is strengthening its grip throughout the world. Here in our country, those who would bludgeon Freedom to her death are reaching out to grasp the labor unions - with their power and their close-knit organization - to use as a mighty weapon, while cloaking their un-American intentions under the masquerade of protection for the working man. Slowly, piece by piece, they are trying to get control of the entire production of the United States. With that power in their hands, the nation would be at their mercy -- and they have none.

If the rank-and-file are powerless to act within the union -- if the leaders cannot or will not accept their responsibility for housecleaning -- then a mighty organization of the unorganized must rise, strong enough in numbers to outweigh at the polls the voting power now concentrated in the hands of a few -- strong enough in public appeal and public support to rally the vast majority of union men and women who want to keep or to regain their freedom.

The DeMille Political Freedom Foundation may succeed in spearheading such a movement, if you uphold its hands. When Joshua went out against the Amalekites, his army prevailed as long as Moses held his arms upraised. When Moses tired, "Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun". It may be closer to sunset than you think.

Let you, who give so generously of your time and money to the cause of youth, take thought for the America you are entrusting to that youth.



Teach youth to love freedom with a passionate and burning love.

And "youth" and "freedom" are not just words. Youth is your own son and daughter and little brother and sister. For some of you -- as for me -- it may be your grandchildren. The last time I spoke of them I had seven. Now I have eight.

And what is "freedom"? Not an airy abstraction or a line out of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee". Political freedom is making up your own mind how you shall vote, and what you shall support. It's being able to work without having to pay a political overlord for the privilege of earning your living.

Teach those youngsters of yours to guard that freedom, for freedom is seldom lost all at once. It is like the main-spring of a clock. You never notice that it's running down until it stops.

Teach youth, above all, by your own example. What are you willing to do for freedom? Are you willing to give it thought and time and money? Or are you too busy?

When I was in Russia, I saw former businessmen who had been too busy making profits to be interested in Kerensky's effort to make Russia a democracy and free. When I saw them, they were still busy -- sweeping the streets.

You can't have a successful business unless you have a successful country, and in America that means a free country. It means that political power must stay in the hands of a free people and not be handed over, by forced assessments or any other way, to a set of dictators.

You have to choose. There are only the two roads.

To sit by and do nothing -- to be too busy to care -- that's the same as choosing serfdom, for if you don't make up your own mind to work for freedom, there are those who will make your mind up for you -- what you will support, and where and when and how you will work -- for them.

This has been a serious talk -- how deadly serious I know, because I'm not allowed work as a radio artist. That much of my freedom is gone.

The rest of the evening, when Mr. Costello takes over, we expect to laugh. Let's remember what that editor said -- in all Germany there was no laughter. And let's remember why. Laughter dies quickly when the cancer of slavery has eaten the vitals of a country's freedom.

The DeMille Political Freedom Foundation is pledged to defend the freedom of the individual and oppose political coercion in any form from any source -- whether from union bosses, corporations, office-holders, pressure groups, or anybody else. This Foundation is working for the political freedom of union members. It is working to preserve the political freedom of every American before he is caught in the mesh that has trapped so many millions. It is working for you, because if one American's political freedom is taken away, then yours is in danger.

It is time for you to take sides ~~to~~ to stand up and be counted. It is time to do more than make speeches or applaud them.

It is time to organize -- whether you do it through the DeMille Political Freedom Foundation or some other way.

It is time to act -- to keep America free from the grasp of those evil partners -- the totalitarian, the communist, and the racketeer -- that we may always see the feet of our children standing on free soil, and hear their laughter ringing in free air.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Los Angeles 13, California  
June 29, 1945.



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AIRMAIL

Director, FBI

RE: [REDACTED]


SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find one copy of a speech to be given  
by [REDACTED] on June 29, 1945, at 9:00 PM, CWT. This  
is transmitted for your information.

Very truly yours,

  
R. B. HOOD,  
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'June 29, 1945'

MAJORITY RIGHTS -- AND WRONGS

An address by Cecil B. deMille  
at the invitation of the  
Town Hall Committee  
of Wichita, Kansas  
June 29, 1945.

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Fellow Americans:

This is not the first time I have experienced the hospitality of the great Middle West. Last March I was invited to Omaha to tell an audience there, and the nation by radio, why I am no longer allowed to conduct the radio theatre of the air.

The reason is that last August, the American Federation of Radio Artists - of which I am a member - voted an assessment of \$1 upon all the members to fight a Proposition on the California ballot. When I refused to let my union make up my mind for me on a political question, I was suspended from the union and, under the closed shop rule, I was put off the air.

Thousands of people wrote to me that they agreed with my position and what I said at Omaha. But there were some who did not like it.

One who didn't like it was an official of my radio union, who referred rather slightly to my visit to Omaha as a journey "to remote localities". I suppose he would think Wichita equally "remote".

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ENCLOSURE

Remote from what, I wonder. It's a sad thing for any American when he begins to think that the Middle West -- or what the Middle West stands for in American life -- is remote from him. I haven't heard any criticism of the Army for taking from this "remote locality" a certain Kansan named "Ike" Eisenhower. General Eisenhower is the Middle West personified -- and we know what the world thinks of him.

Certainly no part of our country seems remote to me. For nearly ten years, every Monday night, I was the guest of millions of you in your homes.. I miss those radio visits with you very, very much. Anyway, you and I are not strangers to each other -- and I hope I will never be a stranger to the sturdy independence, the wholesome individualism, the fine American family life, and the closeness to nature and nature's God that mark this Middle West as the sound heart of America.

At the invitation of the Wichita Town Hall Committee, I am here to talk over some of our common problems.

Do you believe that a man has a right to earn a living?

Do you believe anyone has a right to prevent a man from earning a living?

Has anyone the right to tell you you can never work again at your trade or profession?

Has any individual or group of individuals the right to tell you you cannot earn bread for your wife and children?

Has any union boss or union majority the right to say who may work and who may not?

Do you believe that anyone should have such power?

Well, they have -- and they're exercising it. I am no longer on the air because I would not pay political tribute -- a political assessment. The President of the Los Angeles local of my union said in effect the majority voted it, so it was right. Un-American elements in the unions are condemning men and women to oblivion all over the country by denying them the right to work, and claiming that is the majority's wish -- claiming that is the majority's right.

What are majority rights? And is there such a thing as "majority wrongs"?

I have had several letters raising the point that the majority must be right because it is a majority, and right or wrong, the minority must go along with it.

All Americans believe in the principle of majority rule. Our democracy is built upon it. In an election, in a vote of Congress, or in an opinion by the Supreme Court, we all accept the decision of the majority. All that is undisputed. But it is only half the picture.

The other half is the guaranteed freedom of every American citizen and the constitutional limit to which a majority may go. We do not believe that any majority has the unrestricted right to do as it pleases with the minority.

Majority rights are loudly trumpeted and championed by many union leaders whose aim is not for the majority good but for their own power and political advantage. Majority rights are used as a smoke-screen, a patriotic phrase, a cleverly worded trap to make people believe that the majority really has complete and

dictatorial powers which, under law, it has not.

That is what government under the Constitution means, or as Thomas Jefferson put it: "The minority possess their equal rights which equal laws must protect, and to violate which would be oppression".

That idea didn't die with Thomas Jefferson because Senator Ball of Minnesota just recently said: "One of government's primary functions in a democracy is protecting the rights of minorities".

You know, America was founded and peopled by persecuted minorities. The Pilgrims who came to Massachusetts, the Quakers who came to Pennsylvania, the Catholics who came to Maryland were all minority groups seeking in this new world a greater freedom to exercise their God-given rights of conscience.

From that time down to our own day, America has been the refuge and shining hope of the oppressed minorities of the Old World. Here is a threshold at which the power of government itself must halt. Here, there is a door barred -- against which the battering ram of any majority, however great, is impotent -- as long as the Constitution and the Bill of Rights remain in force.

But are they remaining in force? And if not, why not?

The reason -- and the only reason -- Democracy has worked in this country is that majority rule has gone hand in hand with minority rights.

Divorce the two -- throw out the idea that men are endowed by God with individual rights (as declared in the Declaration of Independence) -- rights which no power on earth can touch -- substitute the dictatorial right of the majority to do as it



pleases, and you have overthrown the American system more effectively than if you had marched with an army of Black Shirts or Brown Shirts or Red Shirts down Pennsylvania Avenue and taken possession of the White House.

Let's follow this absolute majority theory a little further. Suppose you were a Democrat living in a state where the majority of the people were Republicans, and suppose that Republican majority voted to prohibit all parties except the Republican Party. Would you go along with the majority? You would not. At least that's what you think now. But in Italy and in Germany and in other totalitarian countries, it happened because the minority were silenced or put in concentration camps or put to death.

Suppose you are one of the 13 million Americans who belong to labor unions. Those 13 million are a minority group in America. And suppose the majority -- the other one hundred and eighteen millions of Americans -- voted to abolish the working man's right to organize and bargain collectively. Would you take it lying down? I am a union member still, and I would not.

Or suppose you were a union member and a majority of those present at a meeting of your union voted to assess you one dollar -- or ten dollars or one hundred dollars -- for a political measure in which you did not believe. Would you go along with the majority? I am a union member, and I did not -- because my political rights do not belong to my union.

I am a Republican, but my political rights don't belong to my party. I am an Episcopalian, but my political rights don't

belong to my church. They don't belong to my lodge. They don't belong to my bank. They don't belong to my studio. They don't belong to the Government of the United States. They belong to nobody but me!

The Supreme Court has stated: "The very purpose of a Bill of Rights was to withdraw certain subjects from\*\*\*\*political controversy, to place them beyond the reach of"-- (and mark this well) --"beyond the reach of majorities and officials, and to establish them as legal principles to be applied by the courts.... One's right to life, liberty and property, to free speech, a free press, freedom of worship and assembly, and other fundamental rights may not be submitted to vote. They depend upon the outcome of no election". (Unquote from the Supreme Court of the United States.)

One of those fundamental rights is political freedom -- the right to make up your own mind what party or candidate or measure you will support with your vote, your money or your voice. But a labor union, as in my case and in the case of thousands of others, has taken upon itself to demand that union members must support certain political campaigns with their money, or lose their jobs.

In America, no man should be deprived of the right to earn a living at his chosen work unless he has been found guilty of a criminal act and put in prison. Certainly no private group should have the power to decide who shall work and who shall not. But gradually, this complete power has been taken over by a small clique.

What are our people thinking of that they can permit such control of their rights and liberty to fall into the hands of a private group responsible to no arm of government, but who make their own laws for their own purposes without legal restraint or moral responsibility.

Stop, look, and listen -- before you let this malignant national cancer grow further.

I am not talking about honest union members or honest union leaders, of whom there are many, with honest American purpose. I am talking about the labor racketeer, who, through control of political power obtained by control of the political rights of the individual union member, intends to control the destiny of this nation. These undercover rulers are becoming stronger than the elected representatives of the people -- just as in so many cases the union constitution seems more powerful to destroy a man than the United States' Constitution is to protect him.

You cannot force a man to think as you do by persecuting him. He may bow, but when the opportunity comes, he will strike back. Some misguided zealots in the church tried that during the Dark Ages -- and failed.

The liquor racketeer nearly got that power twenty years ago. The labor racketeer has secured it during this war. And we have got to remove that power from him now -- or travel the totalitarian road to serfdom. You can only get that power away from the union racketeer by regaining political freedom for the worker -- for political freedom is the foundation of all our liberty. But for millions of union members, political freedom

has gone.

The actions of majorities must be watched as carefully as the actions of individuals, for it is great mass movements that sweep nations into totalitarian slavery. And that's what it is -- no matter by what highbrow or lowbrow name you may call it -- collectivism, totalitarianism is slavery.

We are bringing to America the Old World formula of a small group with complete power over the many.

One of the great things that has made America independent in the past is the right to challenge authority. That is a democratic cornerstone. Yet it was recently said to me under the dome of the California State Capitol in Sacramento: "The minority have no rights after the vote is taken." When I quoted Jefferson on the equal rights of minorities, the answer given me was: "Mr. deMille, Jefferson lived a long time ago. That was before labor unions."

I still think Jefferson is sound. Perhaps that is why I have been accused by a labor leader of joining forces with "those whose eyes are fixed on yesterday".

But history is prologue for today -- and it is a foolish man who does not look back through history to learn what can happen today. These are times when we should look in all directions. The nation that does not look backward as well as forward is likely to be stabbed in the back, for we are dealing with unscrupulous enemies. Those in this nation whose eyes are closed should open them and look about.

If we look low enough, we see what lies beneath this talk

of unrestricted majority rights -- not only an ignorance of American history and American principles, but a contempt for the whole foundation of our way of life. In place of the ideals of Jefferson, the enemies of Americanism would put Lenin's ideal of the dictatorship of the proletariat, which I quote: "Dictatorship means nothing more or less than power which directly rests on violence and is not limited by any law or any absolute rules. Dictatorship means unlimited power resting on violence and not on law".

Lenin's ideal of dictatorship is already attained here in the United States when any group can say to an individual: "You cannot earn your living unless you give up your political freedom."

If the union racketeer is victorious in imposing political assessments on union members, then within ten years that racketeering union boss can and will impose anything he pleases upon the union members -- and you will all be members on his terms. And the first step is to take away your political freedom, which is your only chance of retaining your individual liberty.

These are not dreams of mine. Look about you in the world today.

You must make the union leaders responsible to law -- not their law, but Constitutional law -- if you would save this nation from the fate of Europe.

Labor unions have achieved great gains for the American working man and for the country, but there is no group wise enough, there is no majority wise enough, to be trusted with the arbitrary right to say who shall earn a living and who shall not. But when

you put that power in the hands of certain men and certain groups, you have placed in their hands not only your political rights but the right to say what you may read, what church you may attend, what you may eat and drink, how you may educate your children, the power to regiment your lives as completely as life was regimented in Germany and Italy, and as it is regimented in Russia today.

Right now it is within the power of a few men to bottle up every seaport in the United States, close thousands of its factories, disrupt transport and communications and create a chaos which could have only violent revolution as its end. And the men who have this power are under no legal constraint even to tell the public or their own members how much money they handle or what they do with it.

To indicate what union members themselves think, I quote an article by Justice Thurman Arnold whose record of liberalism will not be questioned: "If you travel over the country, you find labor about as popular with small independent businessmen and consumers as the New Deal in an exclusive New York club. If you talk with soldiers, you discover bitter resentment and threats of future retaliation. Farmers\*\*\*regard present labor management as an enemy. Most surprising is the dissatisfaction among the workers themselves. A recent FORTUNE poll of labor opinion asked the question" (and I'm still quoting from Thurman Arnold) -- "whether labor unions had done an excellent job and should be given more power than they now have. Only 17% of the mineworkers and 13% of factory workers answered in the affirmative -- an unusual result among the

supposed beneficiaries of vigorous organizations. A greater percentage\*\*\*answered that labor unions have gone too far and should be watched closely." (Mind you, these are the opinions of labor union members.)

"Less than a majority of workers in mines and factories were willing to say that labor leaders have been fair with management. But most astonishing is the fact that only about one-third of the workers in mines and factories believed that most labor leaders were honest with money." (Unquote from Justice Thurman Arnold.)

Yet into the hands of these leaders, some of whom are not trusted by their own members, we have placed the power of national life or death.

The move to cut this cancer from our national body must be strongly supported in the Middle West by the farmers of the nation, before the deadly octopus of central control has them, too, in its coils.

While we've been sitting by and watching the growth of this gigantic machinery of national control, in the background, undercover and boring from within, welcomed by short-sighted and politically ambitious labor leaders, are those who are determined to use this machinery to crush and grind and pulverize the inherent freedoms - the American right to challenge authority which stands in their way to dictatorship.

I am not identifying unionism with communism. That is what I am trying to prevent -- for the only way that communism identifies itself with anything is the way a tiger identifies

itself with its prey. Now is the time to choose which road we will travel. The tiger's victim cannot change his direction when he is halfway down the tiger's throat. By that time, the tiger's majority rights have asserted themselves.

You have the right to challenge authority because the American people are the authority. They elect the government and they can challenge it -- but union members cannot challenge their union bosses. They have no right to challenge authority -- which places the union boss one step above the highest office in the nation.

At different times in our nation's history when we have reached a crisis, the voice of the people has cried out -- and we have successfully come through the storm. Has there been a change in the voice of the people? Have they delegated somebody else to express their feelings and desires -- somebody else to speak with their voice?

In the past, the ballot has been free and has expressed the people's voice. But when the people are regimented into great and powerful organizations which control their right to work and live, then whoever controls that organization becomes the voice of the people, and through that voice and the power to control votes, they control the nation through its Congress, its Legislatures and its courts.

All that comes from one thing -- the power to control the right to work.

Expulsion from a union today does not mean expulsion from a society. It means expulsion from your right to earn a living.



It means expulsion from your having the right to eat -- and so the right to live.

A man is forced to pay an overlord for the right to work. Then before he can work, he must sign an agreement to abide by the overlord's rules. Then the overlord demands money for legislation to make his absolute rule the law of the land. The man has a choice to pay it -- or starve.

Have you ever tried challenging the authority of a union boss, or even having a different opinion, or even wanting to retain control of your election rights as a citizen? There are those of us who have. One such man in San Francisco was told: "You'd better go to another state and change your name. You'll get no work in California." All because he differed politically!

I do not believe the great mass of Americans realize the extent to which this un-American and inhuman situation exists. Our individual liberty is being taken from us and put into the hands of bosses -- mostly un-American bosses, many of them not even American citizens, but all-powerful in America.

Most of you who live in the great farming belt have not yet come under the power of the labor boss. The farmer is still a free American. He has not yet placed upon his wrists the shackles of un-American group rule.

One of the reasons I came here to talk to you is to ask you, for the sake of your own happiness, for the sake of your children, for the sake of the nation -- remain free! Don't become part of the totalitarian movement that has so much of industry already in its grip. Remain individually free -- and you can

perhaps bring freedom again to those in America who have lost theirs.

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It is time now to wage an unremitting campaign by every lawful method to let the people know what their political freedom means -- how disastrous its loss would be -- and how they can retain it.

Thousands of Americans have written to me -- Republicans and Democrats, farmers, businessmen, housewives, men and women in the services, professional men and women, union members and non-union alike -- asking "What can we do?" The answer is: you can band together in an organization big enough and strong enough to speak with one mighty voice -- to speak in the language that our representatives in Congress and in the Legislatures understand -- ballots. The DeMille Political Freedom Foundation can be the spearhead of this movement to preserve for every American the inherent rights given him by his Creator and guaranteed by our Constitution.

This Foundation is non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-profit and non-political -- but it is all-American. It is not interested in the political future of any man, but in the political freedom of every man. It has no commitments or obligations to any individual, group, or corporation, other than the American people. It is supported by voluntary contributions, but it will refuse any contribution which would compromise its independence or integrity or its purpose.

It has one aim: to defend the political rights of the individual and oppose political coercion in any form from any source

whether from labor unions, corporations, office-holders, pressure groups, fascists, communists, or anybody else.

In the last national political campaign, the Political Action Committee distributed 57,000,000 copies of 14 different pamphlets -- (according to Harper's) -- the most cleverly produced political propaganda ever brought out in this country. Just realize those figures -- and the printing bill. They will give you an idea of the size of the job that lies before us.

And don't think this is my fight -- it is your fight. All I can do is raise my voice, but by joining the DeMille Political Freedom Foundation, you can raise a mighty chorus of voices, speaking a language of ballots, too strong to go unheeded.

It's your America. In the name of its liberty, don't leave this stadium tonight or don't switch off your radio until you have pledged yourself before God and your conscience to throw into this fight every ounce of strength and support you can muster, that this country, conceived in freedom, may not die in bondage. Upon your determination to see this struggle through, no matter what it costs, may rest not only your freedom and your individual rights, but the outcome of all the hopes and fears of a weary, blood-drenched, seething world.

Here in America, we have made real the dream of millions, uncounted and unsung, who knew of freedom only as a far-off goal.

For the sake of those who have gone before us, for the sake of our children and our grandchildren and their children yet unborn, it is our destiny to keep alive that vision of Liberty -- for "where there is no vision, the people perish".

America must keep free -- and must endure. It is young and strong, but it is the oldest country on earth. It was conceived in the mind of the first man who wore chains -- and before that, in the mind of God.

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Cecil B. DeMille

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California  
September 14, 1945

Director, FBI

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletype of September 10, 1945, requesting to be advised if there is any Special Service Contact entitled to a special award who has not heretofore been brought to the Bureau's attention.

In this regard, I wish to call your attention to the services rendered by [redacted] as the Bureau was informed in my letter of July 17, 1945. This individual rendered definite assistance in connection with investigations involving the following persons and cases:

ALEXANDER KORDA  
JIMMY OLIPHANT  
WILLI MARRA  
EDWIN F. MARRIOTT  
MATNAP  
CULMER F. DICKSON  
ALBERT SIMONELLI

MARGARET O'CONNOR  
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In addition to the above, [redacted] has obtained valuable information concerning Racketeering Activities in this vicinity and has given coverage to an informant of this office. It is felt that he has made a very definite contribution to our work and his name should be included for consideration of any special award that the Bureau might be considering for persons of this caliber.

By way of resume, therefore, the following individuals, being Special Service Contacts of this office, are all being recommended for any special award the Bureau might offer:



Mrs. GERTRUDE GEORGE has been eliminated from consideration inasmuch as she recently died.



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Director  
Re: Special Service Contacts

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[redacted] is not being recommended for any award as she has not been in Los Angeles for a sufficient length of time to be able to make any appreciable contribution to our work. It is understood that she will return here in the near future and she will be utilized whenever possible.

In connection with the awards contemplated by the Bureau, it is requested that this office be advised if it is contemplated that there may be any publicity in connection with the awards, either on the part of the Bureau or on the part of any individual. It is felt that the value of these persons will be lost for all time in the future if there is any indication that they have cooperated with the Bureau.

While it is realized that the Bureau must consider the possibility of their making some announcement about their services, it should also be considered that, undoubtedly, some of them would not under any circumstances desire to have it known that they had rendered assistance to us. I feel certain that this is the case insofar as [redacted] and [redacted] are concerned. It is quite likely that [redacted] employer, Warner Brothers Studio, might take offense at the fact he has worked closely with the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

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R. B. HOOD, SAC



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles 13, California  
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Director, FBI

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Re: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the speech which the above Special Service Contact will make in New York on September 25, 1945, on the steps of Federal Hall. It will be broadcast at 12:30 p.m., New York time, via the American Broadcasting Company. KECA, the American Broadcasting Company outlet here has advised that the program will reach only as far as the Mountain States and will not extend to the west coast.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD  
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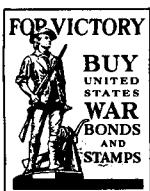
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' For release after '  
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' Sept. 25, 1945 '

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

An Address by Cecil B. deMille  
delivered on the steps of Federal Hall  
New York City, 25 September 1945

At the invitation of  
Wall Street Post No. 1217, American Legion  
and  
The Bill of Rights Commemorative Society

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Fellow Americans:

With a keen and profound sense of the honor which it does  
me, I accept the Americanism Medal of Post No. 1217 of the  
American Legion.

This is a kind of homecoming for me. One hundred and  
thirty-one years before Washington stood on this spot to take his  
oath as first President of the United States, Anthony deMille, my  
grandsire nine generations back, landed at the foot of this street  
with the young bride who had sailed with him from Holland on the  
"Gilded Beaver". Near this spot he plied his trade as a baker.  
There is a tradition that he helped set up the wall that gave  
Wall Street its name. And his bones lie at the head of this street  
in or near what is now Trinity churchyard.

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But there is a larger sense in which being here is a homecoming for me -- or for any American. On this spot in 1735, John Peter Zenger won this continent's first major battle for freedom of the press. The Stamp Act Congress met here in 1765, and twenty years later the Continental Congress. Within this building behind me is the stone on which George Washington stood for his inauguration. And here, one hundred and fifty-six years ago today, the Senate of the United States approved, as amendments to our Constitution, that charter of liberty that we know as the Bill of Rights.

To come here is homecoming for any American, because home is where the heart is -- and the Bill of Rights is the heart of the American system of government and the way of life it was created to protect.

To have the privilege of speaking on this historic site is a challenge to any American to declare his American faith. And this is mine. I believe that you are endowed by your Creator with certain rights that no power on earth can take away. They belong to you as much as your heart belongs to you. And among these rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I believe that the right to life includes the right to work, for it is by work that men live.

I believe that the right to work includes the right to private property, for as Abraham Lincoln said: "Property is the fruit of labor..... Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another. But let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built."

I believe that the right to work also includes the right of workers to band together and to act together to secure a just return for their labor. And by a just return I mean an income that will enable a man to support his family in decent comfort and provide for his own and his wife's old age. Without this security, the right to the pursuit of happiness would be a sham.

I believe that the right to the pursuit of happiness includes the right to say what you think in private and in public -- which is freedom of speech and of assembly; the right to publish your opinions -- which is freedom of the press; the right to demand an accounting from your representatives in government and your representatives in labor -- which is freedom of petition; and I believe in the right to worship God according to your conscience -- which is freedom of religion.

I believe in liberty -- that every man may exercise his God-given rights as he freely chooses to exercise them, limited only by the equal rights of every one of his fellow men.

I believe, with the Declaration of Independence, that governments are instituted among men to secure these rights -- and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. And therefore I believe in political freedom -- the right to make up your own mind, free from coercion, what political parties or candidates or measures you will support with your vote or your money or your voice.

Political freedom is like the solid rock upon which this great city is built. Lose political freedom, and every other American freedom is at the mercy of whoever can grasp the power

to sweep it away. And mark this well -- no one's freedom is safe unless everyone's freedom is safe.

The loss of freedom is a contagious disease. When individual freedom dies, the nation's freedom is on its deathbed.

For a hundred and fifty years we have taken political freedom for granted. Slowly we have extended to more and more of our citizens the right to vote. We thought we were nearing the time when every American would have equal rights with every other American to make up his own mind politically and act according to his convictions. But we can take that for granted no longer.

A new thing has arisen in this land -- or rather a very old and very evil thing, whose old and evil name is Tyranny. One form it takes is the practice of certain groups' assessing their members for political purposes, claiming the right to say, "You must help us achieve our political designs, or we will not let you earn your living."

Two generations ago, workingmen had to hold their union meetings in their homes, with the curtains drawn, for fear they would lose their jobs if the bosses discovered that they were union men.

Today union men and women are still holding meetings behind drawn curtains, but for fear of their own organizations. They are writing to The DeMille Foundation for Political Freedom and to me personally, saying they are with us but begging us not to reveal their names for fear of losing their jobs if their union bosses find out they believe in political freedom.

This new tyranny must be broken. It must be broken now --

and broken forever -- to free the millions of men and women who have had to give up their freedom as citizens in order to earn a living.

This is not a question of unionism or non-unionism. It is not a question of closed shop or open shop. It is not a question of capitalism versus socialism. You will find good Americans on both sides of all these questions. But you will not find any dispute among good Americans on the one fundamental question: do an American's rights as a citizen belong to him or are they a trinket to be bartered away by some boss, whether in a union or anywhere else?

I am not talking now about my personal controversy with my union. I have had overwhelming evidence of where the people and the press stand on that. That is legally and financially my personal responsibility and I will bear it.

Here and now I am speaking for the thousands of individual workers who have had no voice but who were faced with the same harsh, un-American choice -- either to pay political tribute or to lose their right to earn a living.

When one man or group has the power to decide who shall work and who shall not, that is a national cancer -- a cancer that must be cut out before it renders our country too weak to resist the poisons of totalitarianism.

Has the world changed much since Patrick Henry said to the Continental Congress: "Look over Europe, Asia, Africa, and behold everywhere a terrible sight -- man trodden down beneath the oppressor's feet, nations lost in blood, murder and

superstition walking hand in hand over the graves of their victims, and not a single voice to whisper hope to man."

Then Patrick Henry spoke the word of hope that was heard around the world. "But hark!" he said. "The voice of Jehovah speaks out from the awful cloud: Let there be light again. Let there be a new world. Tell My people, the poor, downtrodden millions, to go out from the old world. Tell them to go out from wrong, oppression and blood. Tell them to go out from the old world and build up My altar in the new..... God has given America to be free."

Those were Patrick Henry's words in 1776 -- holding out to the old world a hope unknown till then -- the hope of freedom in a free land. And the people came -- millions and millions of them -- our fathers, our grandfathers, our great grandfathers -- and built the most powerful country on earth with the highest standard of living known to any nation.

But today, in 1945, a shadow falls across this land. It falls first across the homes of working men and women forced to pay tribute for the right to work.

A political assessment of a dollar or two seems little, but the Supreme Court says: "It is from petty tyrannies that large ones take root and grow." Let this one little tyranny -- the exaction of political tribute in payment for the right to work -- become embedded in our system and you will have made ready the weapon that will annihilate individual freedom.

You will have unloosed a powerful force that respects no law but its own. A force that respects no individual right but

its own. A force that seeks to destroy all who disagree with it. A force that fights with weapons of slander, calumny and lies. A force that knows no right or justice but its own will. A force that seeks to enslave mankind under the pretense of freeing mankind.

It is already later than you think. The hour has struck for every good American to stand up and be counted. Are you for the political freedom of the individual or against it?

It is time for labor leaders and union members to stand up and be counted. It is within the power of the leaders of the A. F. of L., the CIO, the Mine Workers, the Railroad Brotherhoods, and the independent unions to restore the faith of the American people in good American unionism.

Were unions formed to serve the members or were they formed to rule the members?

It is time for the leaders to clean out of their unions those who have declared war on the American system, and who would deny fellow Americans the right to work.

We are waiting to hear from them. And silence is not an answer.

It is time for our educators to stand up and be counted. Millions of dollars are being spent in American universities for the study of foreign systems of government and economics. Are as much time and as much money being spent in our schools on the teaching of Americanism?

Academic freedom is a precious American right. We don't want it interfered with. Our young men and women should be informed

of systems of government other than their own. But are they being truthfully informed? Or are they being cunningly taught, under the guise of education, foreign ideologies as superior to our American ideals?

We are waiting to hear from our educators. And silence is not an answer.

It is time for the leaders in our churches to stand up and be counted. You know, religion is a kind of navigation. Without it, men get lost. We look to the churches to teach the principles of brotherhood, and, in the words of the Bible engraved on the Liberty Bell, to "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof".

It is time for the farmers of America to stand up and be counted. There is little doubt where the farmer stands. But the farmers of America have yet to make their voice heard and their great strength felt as the agricultural sections of our country begin to feel the menace of regimentation.

It is time for the women of America to stand up and be counted. The destiny of the country is largely in the hands of its women, because the destiny of the children (the men and women of tomorrow) is in their hands.

In standing by principle and making sacrifices for the right, women have always been the stronger sex. We are waiting to hear how many of the women of America will stand with the one who wrote to me saying, "We don't want security at the expense of our liberty" -- and we know that silence will not be their answer.

And it is time for the businessmen of America -- big and



little -- to stand up and be counted. I am speaking here in the financial center of the United States. There could be no better place for me to say to the businessmen of America: If you put profits ahead of your children's freedom, you will lose both profits and freedom. And if you allow the light of individual and political freedom to be extinguished now, there may be no hand to light it for a thousand years.

If businessmen are to be effective in this struggle, they must show courage.

Some businessmen need to realize that they cannot turn the clock back to 1890. The American people believe in individual enterprise; they do not believe in monopolies or other devices of big business which stifle individual enterprise.

Neither do they believe in the monopoly of labor. The American people resent the arrogant racketeering of certain union bosses. According to the Gallup Poll, the majority of Americans, including the majority of union members themselves, are opposed to the closed shop. They are in favor of labor organization, and they will not tolerate any attempt to destroy unions or wipe out the just gains secured for labor through collective bargaining.

And The DeMille Foundation for Political Freedom agrees with these straight-thinking Americans. This Foundation is just what its name implies. It opposes racketeering and tyranny in labor or anywhere else. It defends the political rights of the individual and opposes political coercion in any form from any source. It is a voice for those who dare not speak.

There are other Americans who cannot speak because they

lie beneath the crosses and the stars that mark, in every corner of the world, their total sacrifice for freedom. Their witness is a silent one, but it is the more solemn by reason of its silence.

They have met totalitarianism face to face and stopped its advance by giving their young bodies to be burned and broken and buried in the alien earth of far-off continents.

But their comrades are coming home. In the words of Mr. James A. Farley: "They will have seen totalitarianism at its worst; they will want to see Americanism at its best -- with liberty, justice, and equality for all."

Therefore I ask that the Congress of the United States, the Legislatures, and the courts free the workingman and free the nation from the present danger of the racketeer who, by control of the right to work, wields an executioner's axe on all who disagree with him as effectively as Hitler's headsman wielded his axe for the same offense in the Nazi Reich.

No man or group of men should be trusted with the power to say who shall work and who shall not. Let us take that power out of the hands of those who have usurped it. Let us put it forever out of the reach of those who would use it to bring slavery back to America.

Free the nation from the group of racketeers who, at will and for their own purposes, tie up the nation's progress toward industrial peace.

As the elected representatives of the people, you have sworn to protect the Constitution of the United States and the

guarantee of individual rights which is its heart. Are you going to keep that oath or follow political expediency and obey the strongest lobby?

We are waiting to hear. And silence is not an answer.

We have gathered today to commemorate the anniversary of the Bill of Rights. On this anniversary, the Wall Street Post of the American Legion and the Bill of Rights Commemorative Society have paid me an honor which could not fail to move any American to the very depths of his being.

But I do not take this honor as a reward. I take it as a trust, and I will keep it bright by raising my voice, for as many more years as God gives me, for the principles of Americanism and the freedom for which the Bill of Rights stands.

The Bill of Rights must be kept and handed on to our children, not as a dead relic but as a living reality. It is not a document on musty paper. It is the pulsing heart that sends the lifeblood of freedom through the arteries of this nation's life.

President Truman said: "Liberty does not make all men perfect nor all society secure, but it has provided more solid progress and happiness and decency for more people than any other philosophy of government in history..... It was the spirit of liberty which gave us our armed strength and which made our men invincible in battle.

"We now know that that spirit of liberty, the freedom of the individual, and the personal dignity of man are the strongest and toughest and most enduring forces in the world."

There President Truman states the birthright of every American. Don't sell your individual liberty for a mess of pottage -- or for any price.

Don't trade the American way for the way of any other country on earth.

Our faith in freedom was the driving force behind the arms that raised our banners over the ruins of tyranny in Rome, Berlin, and Tokyo -- and America will endure as the home of the brave, as long as we keep it the land of the free.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

EAT:VH

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: October 15, 1945

FROM : E. A. Tamm

SUBJECT:

SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT  
LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

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Mr. Tolson and Mr. Tamm recommend that  
the meritorious service award for special service  
contact be awarded to [redacted] for  
the reasons set out in the attached memorandum.

Attachment

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Coffey ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Carson ✓  
Mr. Hendon ✓  
Mr. Mumford ✓  
Mr. Jones ✓  
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CECIL B. DE MILLE  
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT  
LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

Cecil B. De Mille has been designated a Special Service Contact since December 16, 1941. He heads the De Mille Productions, Incorporated, and uses the facilities of the Paramount Studios, Hollywood, California, which studios make his motion pictures. He has a wide acquaintance among the better known figures in the movie colony.

On October 9, 1944, he was recommended for the Bureau's preferred list and in substantiating his recommendation, the Special Agent in Charge provided the following summary of Mr. De Mille's activities on behalf of the field office. He advised that Mr. De Mille has made several visits to the residence of Jacob Heimann, who is under investigation under a Security Matter - G classification. These visits have been made in an effort to ascertain the extent of Heimann's collections of works of art. Mr. De Mille gained access to Heimann's residence by sending property men of his studio to Heimann on the basis that De Mille Productions wished to rent certain properties he owned. As a result of these visits, Mr. De Mille submitted a ten-page, single-spaced typewritten report which was set out verbatim for the New York Office, office of origin in this matter. Mr. De Mille was able to identify many of the works of art and gave a thorough and complete description of these objects, which was the information desired by the New York Office. The investigation covered approximately one month's period and Mr. De Mille showed keen interest at being permitted to work on this case.

In connection with the Comrap case, Mr. De Mille has made inquiry and furnished information regarding Mikhail Kalatozov, as well as other individuals of interest in this investigation. He has offered to include a Bureau Agent in a motion picture company presently working in Mexico and to provide a cover assignment for this Agent. He was informed that the Bureau could not take advantage of his suggestion at that time. He repeated his offer, saying at the first of the year he was sending a larger group to Mexico, which would remain in the vicinity of Mexico City for approximately ninety days. He pointed out that in the event the Bureau wished to send an Agent with this company, he would be most happy to include him in the group.

In connection with an Espionage case under investigation by the Los Angeles Office, Mr. De Mille has done considerable research regarding Esperanza Bauer, John Wayne, actor, and Bo Roos, Actor's Agent and a member of the firm of Beverly Management Corporation. Mr. De Mille had a showing at his residence of a motion picture film entitled "Guadalajara", in which Esperanza Bauer played the title role.

The Los Angeles Office investigated one Ludwig Stoessel, an actor who was under contract to Universal Studios. Entirely on his own initiative, Mr. De Mille caused Stoessel to be employed by Paramount Studios in their current picture "Miss Susie Slagel's". Mr. De Mille pointed out that Stoessel's contract was written at

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\$1,000 a week, so Paramount Studios paid him \$1,000 although able to utilize his services for only two days. However, Mr. De Mille had Stoessel interviewed and background information obtained under the guise that it would be used in publicity releases.

He also used William Foch, also known as August Fugrman, employed by Paramount Studios as an extra and obtained background information regarding this individual. On both of these persons he has obtained handwriting specimens.

Mr. De Mille has been used by the Los Angeles Office in obtaining background information and locating various individuals who are of interest in current investigations. His services have been utilized in Selective Service cases on several occasions and he has completed an investigation regarding Pola Negri, ascertaining for the Los Angeles Office the source of her income and her activities.

It appears from Bureau files that in addition to the foregoing, he has in the past submitted to the field office a complete list of the various departments on the Paramount Studio lot together with the names of the heads of many and of more responsible individuals affiliated with the studio.

On January 20, 1942, he was furnished with information concerning Lucy Ludmilla Cherekova, the subject of an Espionage case, and requested to ascertain information relative to her present activities. He subsequently advised that he had made arrangements for her to be taken out socially with an appropriate contact and that he had also arranged to personally interview her concerning the possibility of her appearance in a motion picture which he at that time was producing. He also stated that he would provide the individual with some work in the studio in an effort to have her activities observed. On January 20, 1942, he was requested to obtain information concerning Jose Iturbi, the famous pianist-conductor, concerning whom information had been received that he was a Fascist and probably a Falangist possibly engaged in propaganda activities. He replied that Iturbi formerly lived next door to him and pointed out that he understood Iturbi was a subscriber to the present Spanish Government.

On March 13, 1942, Mr. De Mille submitted a rather comprehensive report on Iturbi. On October 9, 1942, he was requested to furnish information regarding John Howard Lawson, a Communist in the Los Angeles area and the subject of an Internal Security case and he submitted information of value.

Under date of March 19, 1943, the Special Agent in Charge in describing how valuable a contact Mr. De Mille had been furnished the following information. Mr. De Mille made arrangements so that an informant could work with one of the contacts of Otto Katz, a leading Communist suspect, Fritz Lang, a motion picture director. As a result of the informant's work with Lang while on the road making pictures, Mr. De Mille was able to provide valuable information concerning outstanding contacts of Lang regarding whom the Los Angeles Office had no previous information. Mr. De Mille obtained the picture being produced immediately upon its completion and arranged for a private showing for the Special Agent in Charge and the other Agents interested in the case. It proved very enlightening since the influence of the Communist associates of Lang could be clearly seen in the picture which was

entitled "Hangmen Also Die". It was further stated that during the investigation the names of various motion picture personalities came to light and that through Mr. De Mille it would be possible to immediately arrange for an informant coverage on some of them or from his own personal knowledge to obtain sufficient information so as to make further inquiry unnecessary.

On December 2, 1943, the Special Agent in Charge advised that Mr. De Mille furnished background information regarding George J. Rony, Jeffry Bernard, and Edward A. Golden, all of whom were subjects of interest to the field office. In addition, he was contacted for assistance in connection with the field office's efforts to locate a Russian translator.

In communications from the field office under dates of February 2, and April 11, 1944, the office reflected that Mr. De Mille had been contacted in connection with the racial surveys regarding negro and anti-Semitic situations and that in addition he had been contacted with respect to an impersonation case involving an individual who used the name Billy De Mille, Jr. and also with respect to an individual, A. Ronald Perkins, an individual who had written the Bureau for material to be used in the preparation of a juvenile delinquency film.

In a letter dated July 11, 1944, it was reflected that Mr. De Mille furnished the Los Angeles Office with information regarding the King Brothers, Hollywood producers. He provided complete background on these persons.

On January 15, 1945, the Special Agent in Charge advised that Mr. De Mille was at that time obtaining photographs of motion picture extras who were typed as pugilists and that the office anticipated the selection of photographs will be forwarded to New York for possible identification by one of the saboteurs. His activities were in connection with the case entitled "John Collins, wa, Espionage - G". It was further stated that in addition he had continued in his activities of furnishing the field office with information regarding well-known personages in the Hollywood area.

In a letter dated April 15, 1945, the Los Angeles Field Office advised that Mr. De Mille sponsored a concert for Sergi Radamsky who was the subject of an investigation by the field office and that in addition he had assigned a casting director to the task of attempting to identify John Collins, the subject of an Espionage case. From this investigation it was determined that Collins could not have been registered under his true name while with the Central Casting Company. It was stated that Mr. De Mille had done considerable work regarding Ramon Reach, having a man from his organization call on Reach, make a survey of the premises and obtain a list of clients serviced by him. In addition, he provided biographical background on the individual having his sources in Mexico City furnish information which was given to the office.

On June 6, 1945, the Los Angeles Office advised that he delivered an address before the Junior Board of Commerce, Huntington Hotel, Pasadena, California, which was released over radio station KHJ in which he quoted the Director at length in reference to Communism.

In a letter dated September 14, 1945, the Special Agent in Charge recommended that Mr. De Mille receive the Bureau's Special Service Award. The certificate should read as follows: Cecil B. DeMille.



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles 13, California  
October 16, 1945



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FILE NO. 100-9606

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*Walter Thompson*  
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Director, FBI

Re: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of July 17, 1945, captioned as above. The following will acquaint the Bureau with the activities of the Special Service Contacts since the submission of my last letter.

[Redacted]

Since the submission of my previous letter, [Redacted] has furnished information concerning the following individuals:

LOUIS MILESTONE  
GEORGE CHOULUCK MOSKOW  
FRED KEATING, JR.  
JACK MULHALL  
BRIAN DONLEVY  
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JOHN B. HUGHES.

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No contact has been made with [Redacted] since their return from overseas.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] has furnished information concerning EDWIN S. PAULEY, which information was sent to the Bureau in my letter dated

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July 18, 1945, captioned EDWIN S. PAULEY. He has also been contacted in connection with the black market investigation presently under way in this office and has been used in connection with inquiry concerning practices of oil companies and their relation with dealers and distributors of petroleum products.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Since my letter of July 17, 1945, [REDACTED] has been contacted concerning the following persons:

HOWARD HUGHES  
HARRY WARNER  
JOHN GARFIELD  
JOHN W. MEYER  
MONTE PROSSER

CHARLES EINFELD  
JAMES ALLEN  
JAY R. KENNEDY  
GEORGE H. COREY  
SIDNEY HARMON.

In addition, [REDACTED] has currently furnished information concerning the racketeering-gambling-hoodlum situation in the Los Angeles area and has volunteered facts concerning the reopening of gambling establishments as well as the presence in Los Angeles of hoodlums of his acquaintance.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been consulted and volunteered information concerning the following persons:

JOHN W. MEYER  
J. A. KRUG  
ELMER J. GRIFFIN  
PAULINE McMARTIN  
ERROL FLYNN

BRUCE CABOT  
HOLLYWOOD WRITERS MOBILIZATION  
"THE SCREEN WRITER"  
DALTON TRUMBO  
TODERO

[REDACTED] through friends of his on the board of the Hollywood Canteen, including BETTE DAVIS, was able to oust known Communists from the board of the Hollywood Canteen, substituting in their places persons of what he terms to be of sound political beliefs. This was rather an important event in Hollywood inasmuch as the Hollywood Canteen has a cash fund in excess of \$500,000 which

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certain individuals hoped to use for "educational" purposes in the motion picture industry. [redacted] move has blocked this attempt.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] services were utilized in connection with Los Angeles case entitled, "STANLEY MATYSEK, WAS. ETAL, Hollywood State Bank, Hollywood, California, 7/30/45, Bank Robbery, Bureau File 91-4126". Through the informant's efforts at [redacted] the [redacted] information was obtained pertaining to the identification of a sport coat abandoned by the Subjects and background information concerning one of the Subjects himself. For the Bureau's information [redacted] has left Los Angeles, assuming a position of importance in the clothing business in New York City.

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] has been used to obtain information concerning the current motion picture strike in Hollywood motion picture studios, in addition to which he has been furnishing information regarding the Communist infiltration in the motion picture industry, the PAC, and matters of interest to the squad handling Russian espionage.

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Since submission of my letter dated July 17, 1945, [redacted] has been used in obtaining information concerning the following:

ALFRED ETTLINGER  
JOHN W. MEYER  
JOHN LINDSAY  
JOE MARTIN  
JEAN LESEYEUX  
JOSEPH NIEMEYER  
JACKIE COLE.

In addition to the above, [redacted] has kept this office informed regarding the status of the motion picture strike, particularly

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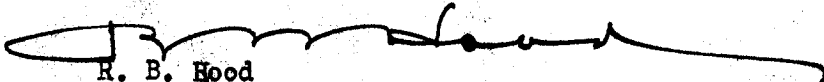
furnishing the producers' angle of the current strike.

It will be noted that no information was set out concerning [redacted] who bears the symbol [redacted]. Reference is made to my letter of September 14, 1945, captioned as above in which I did not recommend [redacted] as a recipient of a Bureau award. Since [redacted] has still not returned to the Los Angeles area permanently, she has not been utilized in any investigations.

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Very truly yours,

  
R. B. Hood  
SAC

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cc - Mr. Martin  
Mr. Morris

November 28, 1945

Mr. Cecil B. DeMille  
2010 DeMille Drive  
Hollywood, California

Dear Mr. DeMille:

At this time I want to express to you my official and personal appreciation for your unselfish assistance to representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the national emergency. Your helpfulness in various matters has been brought to my attention on numerous occasions and I am indeed grateful to you for your interest in the FBI and the aid which you have so willingly given.

It was because of the patriotism and unselfish aid of loyal Americans such as you that we of the FBI were able to successfully discharge the duties placed upon us by the President and the Congress. I sincerely trust that we will carry out our obligations in the future in such a manner as to continue to merit your interest and approval.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

cc - Los Angeles

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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CECIL B. DEMILLE PRODUCTIONS INC.

2010 DeMille Drive

Hollywood, California

29 December 1945

Mr. R. B. Hood  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
510 South Spring Street, Room 900  
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Thank you for your generous letter of December  
17th.

If, through the past years, I have been of any  
assistance to you and your efficient staff, it has been a privilege  
to serve. The great record of achievement that your Department has  
marked up through the years of war and before places it among the  
few Bureaus in American history that have won the unqualified praise  
and approval of the American people.

I shall be ready at any and all times to be of fur-  
ther service in any way you care to call upon me.

I hope with the coming of the New Year the world  
will perhaps turn over a new leaf, but in my heart I fear some of  
your heaviest work may lie ahead.

With highest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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(s) Cecil B. deMille

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CECIL B. DEMILLE PRODUCTIONS INC.  
2010 DEMILLE DRIVE  
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

December 29, 1945

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You stand for something in the American mind and heart today that though not rationed is scarce - integrity. America is aware of the superb way in which your department functioned through the past years under your strong and unselfish leadership.

Your letter of November 23rd gives me reason to be proud. To know that even in some infinitesimal way, I have been of some aid in the accomplishment of your great achievement, is a real satisfaction. It was a privilege to help those of your department here with whom I came in contact. The American people owe you much.

Sincerely,

Cecil B. DeMille

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease

Director, FBI

RE: CECIL B. deMILLE  
Special Service Contact

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau, I am  
enclosing copies of a communication dated December 29,  
1945, received from CECIL B. deMILLE.

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Very truly yours,

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON  
 FROM : L. B. NICHOLS  
 SUBJECT:

DATE: Feb. 15, 1947

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Dick Hood told me that Cecil B. deMille was in Washington on Friday and suggested that I call. He testified before the Labor Committee and made quite an urgent plea against the closed shop. The newspapers carried considerable on his testimony.

I called deMille late Friday afternoon and expressed the Director's regret at being out of the city and told him of Hood's call, that this had been mentioned to the Director who asked that we call and see if we could be of assistance while he was in Washington. He asked that his very best wishes be extended the Director and was very profuse in his comments regarding the Bureau and the Director in particular.

He then stated there was one thing we could do. He was leaving Washington Saturday to spend the week end with Joe Pugh in Philadelphia and was leaving Philadelphia at 8:00 a.m. from the 30th St. Station, arriving New York at 9:40 a.m. at Penn Station. He was scheduled to make a broadcast at 11 o'clock over NBC at an American Legion meeting in the Chamber of Commerce Building in New York, and would appreciate it if somebody would meet him. I told him this could be done and suggested that he wait on the train ramp near the stairway for an Agent to contact him. With the deMille touch he stated he would wear a black coat, blue hat and gray gloves. I advised Scheidt and told him to have an Agent meet him without fail Monday morning.

DeMille said he was coming back to Washington at the invitation of the House Labor Committee to testify before the House on Friday. He would like to contact us when he got in Thursday night and sometime Friday make a tour of our facilities. I told him it was possible the Director might be here next week and if so he would enjoy seeing deMille and have him taken on a tour.

Since I will not be here Thursday and Friday, Mr. McGuire has been instructed to be on the alert to extend every courtesy and particularly to arrange for a special tour.

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February 17, 1947

Mr. Cecil B. De Mille  
Waldorf-Astoria Hotel  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. De Mille:

I regretted so much that I was not in Washington last Thursday and Friday when you were here.

I read the news accounts of your appearance before the Senate Committee and I was happy to learn from Mr. Nichols of your plans to return next Thursday evening. I hope that on that occasion you will have the time to pay us a visit as I would like to arrange for you to make a tour of inspection of our facilities, at which time I hope to have the pleasure of greeting you.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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cc- Mr. Nease

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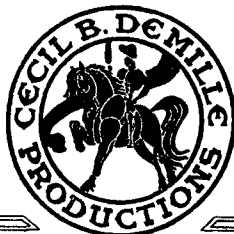
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of February 17th, and for the courtesy your men in New York extended to me through Mr. Nichols. They were of great assistance relative to my broadcast to the school children of New York on the subject of the Bill of Rights.

It was a great disappointment to me that lack of time prevented me from paying a visit to your organization and perhaps having the pleasure of a moment to talk with you. But my feet practically did not touch ground on either visit to Washington.

I hope you will be willing to extend the invitation to me on my next visit, if, as and when my next visit to Washington occurs.

In the meantime, I am at your service.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

*Cecil B. deMille*

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 25, 1947

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT:

SAC Hood of Los Angeles telephonically contacted me at 5:15 p.m. and advised that Cecil B. DeMille had contacted him and advised he had been requested to appear and testify before the House Un-American Affairs Committee; that DeMille was going to send a long wire furnishing his views, but did not intend to testify. DeMille inquired of Hood as to the Director's view with reference to outlawing the Party, and said he would be glad to express views either in favor of outlawing or opposed to outlawing it if the Director cared to indicate to him which view should be adopted.

Mr. Hood further advised the Los Angeles Police Department had received a long-distance call from Washington from a man giving his name as Benjamin Mandell, who advised he was Research Director for the House Un-American Affairs Committee, and requesting from the Los Angeles Police Department all information which they possessed on Paul Walsh. This, you will recall, is one of the names used by Eugene Dennis. Mr. Hood stated the Los Angeles Police Department was going to send to the Committee only a copy of his criminal record as contained in the Los Angeles Police Department files and was making no reference to any other subversive information which they might have. The Committee had requested this information air mail special delivery so that it would reach them by Wednesday, March 26.

In the event you desire me to give Mr. Hood any instructions as to what he should tell Mr. DeMille, I will relay them.

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Director's notation: "I told Nick to tell Hood how to handle this. H."

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## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS

RE: Address by Cecil B. deMille  
 June 12, 1947

The attached copy of an address entitled "Then Congress We Must" delivered by Cecil B. deMille on June 12, 1947, in New York City at the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York was furnished by SAC Hood of the Los Angeles Office. It is noted that it is in release form for distribution by the DeMille Foundation for Political Freedom of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. DeMille calls for a return to active rather than passive Americanism. He states that our country "under a Democratic President and a Republican Congress has stood up to the world-wide Communist conspiracy and said 'Stop.' This is a time for undivided loyalty to our country, when our country is so obviously right." He states that he does not advocate dropping bombs on Russia and he does not think that armed war is inevitable but that the "filtered poison of fifth column traitors can be just as deadly as a shooting war." Referring to recent events in the Balkans, he points out that "when the Communist fifth column conquers a nation, the blood flows after the victory." Mr. DeMille avers that we are letting the candle of freedom which was lit in 1776 be hidden "under a bushel," that we are beginning to think that being safe is better than being free. He rejects the philosophy of appeasement and states that he has good reason to believe that Franklin Roosevelt recognized his mistake before he died and redeemed it in part when he changed Vice Presidents in 1944.

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DeMille contends that either we are at war with international Communism or we are its allies. He points out that there is more than one way of helping to establish Communism and that just as much aid and comfort can be given to the Communist cause by being cowardly and by doing nothing, as by joining the Party. He states that too many American businessmen have given lip service to the Stars and Stripes but have kept their real worship for the "golden calf." He states that we have largely failed to practice what we preach about freedom and the rights of men. He attacks violently the concept of the closed shop as a restriction of the freedom of

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Memorandum for Mr. Nichols

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the right to work. He advocates the enactment of a right to work amendment to the Constitution which will place this right beyond controversy or dispute. He states that the DeMille Foundation for Political Freedom is based upon the two bases of political freedom and the right to work. He paraphrased Lincoln's statement to point out that the world cannot exist half-slave and half-free and comments that America holds the answer to which it will be for the next five centuries.

DeMille reiterates very strongly his plea for an offensive against Communism. He states he welcomes the accusation of being a "red-baiter." He declares that he does not want war but the best way to prevent war is to stop Russian aggression by political and economic means and to strengthen free peoples in every part of the world.

Respectfully,

  
M. A. Jones ✓  


Attachment

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: CECIL B. deMILLE

DATE: June 16, 1947

As of interest to the Bureau, I am enclosing a copy of an address delivered by Mr. deMILLE in New York City on June 12, 1947, to the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York.

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'For release after'  
'2 P.M. E.S.T. '  
'12 June 1947 '

THEN CONQUER WE MUST

An Address by Cecil B. deMille  
delivered at 65 Liberty Street  
New York City, 12 June 1947

At the invitation of the  
Chamber of Commerce  
of the State of New York

Having been here before, I know the hospitality of the New York State Chamber of Commerce. But today the Chamber outdoes itself. I never expected to witness in this stately hall a revival of a play I wrote with David Belasco years ago. Some of you may remember that play. It was entitled "The Return of Peter Grimm".

Your President asked me to come here on the second Thursday of June instead of the first because he would not be back from England until today. I have known people who would gladly fly to England in order not to hear me speak, but no speaker was ever paid a greater compliment than I am by today's return of Peter Grimm. Mr. President, I thank you.

I'd much rather hear Mr. Grimm tell what he saw and heard in England than make a speech myself. I think Mr. Grimm would give us a truer picture of world affairs than some other travellers who have gone abroad to make speeches -- and headlines -- and then come back to swing around the United States sowing the seeds of division and disloyalty.

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In the motion picture studios we have special machines to produce fog when we need fog for a scene. Some travellers -- perhaps I should say fellow-travellers -- have been going around the country giving a very good imitation of a fog machine.

It is time to blow that fog away. It is time to inform the distinguished producer of hybrid corn that we are not in the market for hybrid Americanism.

Our country, under a Democratic President and a Republican Congress, has stood up to the worldwide communist conspiracy and said, "Stop.". There is no question here of 'our country right or wrong'. This is a time for undivided loyalty to our country, when our country is so obviously right.

I am not one of those who think we should start dropping bombs on Russia next week. I do not think armed war is inevitable. But the war of minds -- the white and bloodless war of ideologies -- is not only inevitable. It is here.

The filtered poison of fifth column traitors can be just as deadly as a shooting war.

There was no shooting in Hungary last week, but this is how the Associated Press began its report from Budapest in last Sunday's paper. I quote: "A high Hungarian official, nervous and frightened after events of the past three days, said tonight that the Communist party is now 'in 100 per cent control' and soon will accept a Russian offer to train and fully equip the Hungarian army." And this is how, on the same day, the United Press ended its dispatch from Vienna

about the members of the Hungarian parliament who escaped through the heavily guarded border zone into Austria. I quote again: "The refugees were understood to be desirous of proceeding to the western occupation zones of Austria rather than remaining in the Soviet zone." Unquote from the United Press.

When the communist fifth column conquers a nation, the blood flows after the victory.

Change a few words in those news dispatches -- Washington for Budapest, members of Congress for members of Parliament -- and you will see a prophecy of things to come here in the United States if communism has its way.

Stalin has said in so many words that the dictatorship of the proletariat -- the aim of communists everywhere -- is to be "unobstructed by law and based upon violence". What they have in store for you, gentlemen, is submission or murder.

We shall not alter that blunt fact by burying our heads in the sand and murmuring "Peace, peace" -- when there is no peace. No posture could be more vulnerable than that of an ostrich trying to escape from reality!

In recent months, many speakers the country over have been raising their voices against communism. Times have changed since I began talking about it three years ago, against the advice of the "experts" who told me that communism wasn't an issue in the United States. Perhaps you are getting tired of the subject now. Perhaps it is becoming an old story. Your brilliant speaker of last month, Mrs. Luce, said a number of very true things about the devil -- and there is one

similarity between communists and the devil which we should do well to copy. The devil and the communists never get tired.

When I was in Russia thirteen years ago, the radio was talking against capitalism and free enterprise from 6 A.M. to midnight. It is still talking against them. And now we begin to hear the same ideas voiced over the American radio -- which seems able to silence what voices it chooses. The communists will go on talking against our system, and working day and night against it, until our free way of life is no more or until their voice is silenced.

The struggle we are in is an old story, but I do not crave your indulgence for telling it again, for it is a chapter of the greatest story in the world, and your destiny -- your children's very lives -- depend upon its outcome.

From the time that the dream of liberty was conceived in the mind of the first man who wore chains, there has been no peace on earth between freedom and slavery.

Human history is the story of these opposing answers to the Psalmist's question: what is man? Is he a plaything of force, an expendible pawn in the hands of absolute power? Or is he -- in those familiar, burning words -- "endowed by his Creator with certain unalienable rights" -- rights and freedom that no power on earth may tamper with or take away?

Senator Lodge said, "Actually the Christian concept of the dignity of man is the strongest revolutionary force in the world. But we have allowed the materialistic and brutal verbiage of communism to gain a greater export currency than

our own belief."

Note the Senator's words: "...we have allowed... communism...to gain". We, who believe in freedom, are not free from blame. We lighted a candle of freedom in 1776, but too often since then we have put it "in a secret place or under a bushel". We have let abuses of freedom grow up in our own midst -- and perhaps the worst abuse of all was letting ourselves be taken in by the bait of selling freedom for supposed security. We started toward the precipice when we began to look on America as a land of security instead of as a land of opportunity; when we began to think that being safe was better than being free.

That, more than anything else perhaps, has prepared the soil for today's sowers of appeasement, for when you begin to look on human freedom as a thing to barter with, a thing for trade, your whole sense of human values becomes distorted. Munich and Yalta were monuments to that distortion. Neville Chamberlain died under the burden of his mistake. Franklin Roosevelt, I have good reason to believe, recognized his before he died -- and redeemed it, in part at least, when he changed Vice Presidents in 1944. We still have time, I hope, to profit by their example.

But we may not have much time. Twenty-one months ago I came down here to Old Federal Hall and said that it was time to take sides, to stand up and be counted, and that silence is not an answer. It is twenty-one months later now in this merciless war for our existence. The fact stands out more

starkly now than it did then: either we are at war with international communism or we are its allies. Gentlemen, take your choice.

There is more than one way of helping to establish communism. I don't think any of us will ever join the Party or take 'The Daily Worker' as our political bible. But we can give just as much aid and comfort to the communist cause by being unintelligent, by being cowardly, or by doing nothing.

You can always be sure that American businessmen will applaud a speech about freedom. I wish we could be as sure of their willingness to work for it. Too many of us have given lip service for the Stars and Stripes -- but kept our real worship for the golden calf. We have beautiful parchment copies of the Declaration of Independence framed on our office walls, but we're frightfully busy when it comes to doing something about the inalienable rights of man in 1947.

Russia had many prosperous businessmen who were too busy to oppose tyranny under the Czar or uphold freedom under Kerensky, and some of the few left alive were still busy when I saw them there -- busy sweeping the streets. They were the more fortunate ones.

We have not been asked yet to reduce our consumption of good food by an ounce or to sacrifice one stick of the fine furniture in our homes. We are only asked to believe what we so loudly profess -- to practice what we so patriotically preach -- to act, as well as talk, about freedom and the rights of man. And, gentlemen, we have very largely failed.

The last time I talked in this room I was speaking to schoolchildren. I urged them to fight for freedom -- not only their own freedom, but every American's freedom; to fight all the things that oppose freedom; to fight for freedom as hard as they can, as long as they live. Noble sentiments. But we have given the children a pretty sorry example. We have let the communists and their fellow-travellers take the ball and run with it. We have only ourselves to blame if our children run after them.

We have got to get off the defensive. We have got to stir up in ourselves the old American fighting faith. We have got to get out of our easy chairs, gentlemen. Stretch our mental and spiritual muscles. Fill our lungs with the kind of air that Jefferson and Lincoln breathed. Stir up the old fire. Let freedom ring.

These are ideals. But for God's sake -- and I mean that as a prayer -- for God's sake and our country's, let us have ideals. Let us get off the defensive. Let us reclaim the great old words that the enemies of freedom have stolen and tarnished. Let us take up the challenge -- and fight.

We shall be accused of being 'red-baiters'. Good. That is a designation we can wear proudly. Knowing the reds for what they are -- the servile lackeys of a brutal conspiracy against freedom -- I do not know any more useful or patriotic occupation than red-baiting.

We shall be smeared and lied about. So was Washington. So was Lincoln. So was Patrick Henry who wrote "Many threats

were uttered and much abuse cast upon me". So was many another who could say with truth, "They have hated me without a cause".

You will be smeared and lied about anyway, gentlemen -- you and all you stand for. You will not escape. But you have a fighting chance to win, and to redeem our generation in your children's eyes -- if you will show a little fortitude in the face of the enemy.

We shall be accused of being 'war-mongers'. That is a lie, of course. Like the plain people in every country of the world, including Russia, we do not want war. But the best way we can prevent war is to stop Russian aggression by political and economic means and to strengthen the free peoples of our own hemisphere, western Europe, and Asia.

We shall be accused of being imperialists and adventurers in power politics. This is a lie which comes with particularly bad grace from agents of the government which helped Hitler enslave Poland, stripped Manchuria and Austria of their factories, set up puppet governments in Bulgaria, Rumania, and Yugoslavia, and now Hungary, and has steadily used its veto to weaken the United Nations.

What is this 'American imperialism' which the parrot chorus of American communists have dutifully picked up from the Moscow press? If imperialism means keeping free nations on their feet -- if it means feeding millions of men, women and children in countries that can never pay us back except by friendship -- if it means the American schools and missions strung around the world from Egypt to China -- if it means

letting people know that American free enterprise has produced the world's highest living standards, highest production, highest wages, and greatest personal freedom -- if it means spreading to other countries the idea of free speech, a free press, freedom of religion, free elections, and the right to work -- if American imperialism means these things, let us admit that we are imperialists and proud of it.

That is what I mean by getting off the defensive. There is nothing wrong with America that communism can cure. Let us replace apologies by a fighting faith -- and by action.

Our action -- pro-America and pro-freedom -- must be as intensive and as broad as the anti-American action of our enemies. In their strategy, every move -- from swallowing a small nation to electing a fellow-traveller to some village school board -- is a deliberate, planned step toward a Soviet Empire of the World. We must oppose every such move, without exception and without compromise.

This means more than sitting down like King Canute and bidding the tide go back. It means a vigorous out-thrust of all the power we possess, to push ever forward the frontiers of man's freedom, both abroad and here at home.

It means meeting the enemy at the places where he counts most heavily to win. One of those places here at home is in the labor movement. Ever since William Z. Foster was a youthful agitator in the Middle West, the communists have been working day and night to capture the American labor movement. They have powerful strongholds in it already. We have only to



look at France to see what will happen if they succeed in capturing enough of our American unions.

The great majority of our American union members are not communists by any means. I know them, not by hearsay or by reading about labor problems or getting reports from the personnel department. In my profession, I work and talk and eat with my fellow-union members every day. They aren't strange foreign creatures. They are fine Americans, most of them. They want their homes and their children and their country to be American. And that applies to the men in the picket line outside my office as well as to the men at work inside the studio.

I have walked on the picket line outside my office -- not because I sympathize with the senseless jurisdictional strike, but because I sympathize with the men who are kept out of work because of a dispute about which union bosses will collect their dues. One of the pickets said to me, "It's a crime for us to be out here -- workmen striking against workmen."

But the individual union member is powerless. He has been treated by both business management and union management as so much raw material, bought and sold, made a pawn in the power politics of big business and big labor. And when the communists have captured his union -- as they have many unions -- the individual union member, regardless of his own fine Americanism, has become a pawn in the game of Soviet power. He is an unwilling pawn -- but a helpless pawn -- for the closed

and union shop has tied him in a sack and handed him over, body and soul, to whoever controls his union.

Why do you suppose that the communists are so strong for the closed shop? Out of a tender concern for the welfare of the workers? See how much tender concern there is for individuals in Soviet Russia, the communist paradise. Communists are tenderly concerned about only one thing -- power -- and they see that the closed shop is the next best thing to slavery as an instrument of power.

Under the closed shop a man cannot work if he is not a member of the union. Samuel Gompers was frank to say that in an 'organized' society, expulsion from a union is equivalent to capital punishment. The closed shop puts a man's very right to work at the mercy of his union. But the right to work is the same as the right to live. Could any power-hungry dictator or scheming minority ask more than the power to control a man's right to work?

In the legislation passed by both Houses of Congress, the closed shop is, supposedly, outlawed. So far, so good. That is more than most of us hoped for last January. But it is not enough. Congress has compromised on the other forms of so-called 'union security' -- the union shop and maintenance of membership -- and I am ashamed to say that compromise was fostered by some employers as well as by some union bosses who say they are anti-communist but who love power as much as anyone in the Kremlin loves it.

One manufacturer said to me that he liked the closed

shop because it made his personnel problems simpler. What we need to be concerned about is the fate of the individual working-man -- millions of them -- tied hand and foot and sold up and down the river by both the employer and the union.

Once a man is forced to join a union and stay in its good graces if he wants to keep on working, it makes little difference to him whether you call it closed shop, union shop, maintenance of membership, or what not. Dictatorship by any name is never sweet.

If our fine phrases about the frontiers of man's freedom mean anything, they mean that we will not stop until every American has the right to earn his living without having to pay tribute for it and without having to kowtow to anybody.

There should be no compromise on this. If the 80th Congress will not go all the way, then there will be other Congresses.

Fourteen states have banned the closed shop so far, but there are thirty-four left -- and State legislation is just as important as Federal legislation on this point because there are millions of workers not covered by Federal laws since their work is not in inter-state commerce.

Finally, if we are determined to do the job right, we will put through a Right to Work Amendment to the United States Constitution.

A hundred and sixty years ago, the American people refused to accept the Constitution until there was written into it a Bill of Rights, a clear and detailed statement of

some of the inalienable rights for which we fought our Revolution. The men who composed that Bill of Rights did not list them all. Other rights have been written in since, when they were challenged or denied. Today, powerful groups challenge and deny all the rights of man -- and even the very idea that men have inalienable rights at all. There could be no bolder assertion of our American faith -- no stronger reaffirmation of our Bill of Rights than adding to it, in explicit language the fundamental right to work.

Enacting a Right to Work Amendment to the Constitution will place the right to work beyond controversy or dispute. We may be glad that the 80th Congress has voted to restore the right to work in part -- but what one Congress has done, another Congress can undo. The right to work is too fundamental to be made a political football or left to be whittled down by the courts.

The right to work is among those rights which the Supreme Court has said should be beyond the vicissitudes of political controversy and depend on the outcome of no election. Yet it is denied to many Americans today. The right to work belongs -- together with the right to free speech, free press, freedom of assembly, and freedom of worship -- in the Constitution.

There, gentlemen, is a practical program of action, if we are serious about the threat to freedom and our way of life. It is only a part of the whole program, but it is one of the most vital parts.

One of the strongest blows we can strike against communism in America is to free American labor from the compulsion of joining a union in order to earn a living. Leave union membership to the free choice of the individual worker and you will see the communist-dominated unions either reformed or deserted. I have that much faith in the men and women who do America's work.

To secure adequate legislation by Congress and all forty-eight states, and to put through a Right to Work Amendment to the Federal Constitution will be a big job. No one can do it alone. Speeches won't do it. Neither will pats on the back. It will take united effort, leadership, showmanship, and hard work. It will take that most important and sublime ingredient, personal sacrifice -- and it will take organization, for the enemy is well organized, shrewd, ruthless and strong.

The DeMille Foundation for Political Freedom has already taken the offensive. Standing upon the two basic rocks of political freedom and the right to work. With no heavily financed war chest, with most of its supporting members drawn from the ranks of America's working people, the Foundation has already done a job of which it need not be ashamed. It will carry on as long as the American people have faith enough in it to support it. As Mr. Churchill said at another time of crisis, "Give us the tools and we will finish the job."

But more than that, gentlemen, give yourselves. Give your time and thought, your mind and heart to the cause of freedom, here and throughout the world -- or you may

unwillingly give all you have and all you are as unpitied victims, if freedom dies.

Lincoln said that this nation could not exist half-slave and half-free. Today it must be apparent to anyone with eyes to see that the world cannot exist half-slave and half-free. Which will it be for the next five centuries? America holds the answer.

We are a fortunate generation, because the choice is so clear. A pen has been put in our hands, and a blank page of history turned. It has been given to us to write on that page another chapter of freedom's onward march -- or the epitaph of the world we knew.

It is as though we were standing in Independence Hall beside the men who pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor in the selfsame cause. If you were present at that moment, would you take the pen and sign?

We are present at a moment no less grave. And Freedom calls upon us to be no less great.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California  
October 6, 1947

Director, FBI

RE: CECIL B. deMILLE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau and the offices receiving copies of this letter, CECIL B. deMILLE, special service contact of this office, admirer of the Director and the Bureau, Republican and friend of Governor DEWEY, is presently in Cincinnati and is making a tour of the cities receiving copies of this letter. The purpose of his tour is to put on the preliminary showing of his new motion picture "UNCONQUERED", as well as to establish further contacts in connection with the deMille Political Freedom Foundation.

The SACs will recall that deMILLE refused to pay a \$1.00 political assessment as a member of AFRA and as a result, was forced off the air from the Lux Radio Show.

Mr. deMILLE has indicated that he may pay a social call to the SACs in the various offices indicated. If he does, the SACs will find him entertaining and intelligent in his conversations.

Very truly yours,

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

: Director, FBI

DATE: October 11, 1947

FROM: SAC, Atlanta

SUBJECT: CECIL B. DeMILLE;  
Information ConcerningATTENTION: Mr. McGuire - CRIME RECORDS

For the Bureau's information, there is transmitted herewith a clipping from the Atlanta Constitution, dated October 10, 1947, entitled "Be as Alert to Commies' Work as Filmland, DeMILLE Urges U. S."

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# Be As Alert to Commies' Work As Filmland, DeMille Urges U. S.

By ALBERT RILEY

Urging an alert and positive stand against Communism, Cecil B. DeMille told an Atlanta audience Thursday that Communists are at work not only in Hollywood but all over America, including Atlanta.

"Yes, there are Communists in Hollywood," the famous producer said, "and they are dangerous because they are brainy. But I wish the rest of America would be as alert to the Communist problem as we are."

The movie colony is "a target for witch-hunters," he said, "while the real witch sits in her Red tent and laughs."

With the aim of "destroying Democracy and substituting for it a police State," the Communists, DeMille declared, seek to "divert Red-

ding energy toward Hollywood so you won't see them planting the seeds of chaos in your own backyard."

"Let's don't let the pot call the kettle black."

Speaking at a luncheon at the Capital City Club, DeMille presented Mayor Hartsfield and the City of Atlanta a bronze plaque commemorating the City's 100th anniversary.

"This plaque commemorates the 100th anniversary of the City of Atlanta and acknowledges the great 'unconquered' spirit of its citizens—past and present," is the inscription on the bronzed tablet. It is signed "Cecil B. DeMille" and dated Oct. 9, 1947.

The plaque also is a Hollywoodian plug for the DeMille-produced motion picture, "Unconquered" which opens today at the Paramount Theater.

In a vigorous attack on Communism in the movie colony and elsewhere, DeMille declared "Hollywood welcomes every investigation and help to combat Communism, but will not be made a whipping boy for headline-hunters and sensation-seekers."

"Communists recognize the power of motion pictures and their tremendous influence," he said, and their design is "to control the motion picture industry. They do not now control the motion picture industry. The Communist influence is subtle and indirect, but not one single producer would tolerate outright Communist propaganda on the screen."

The Communists, he flatly asserted have "a single purpose, to serve the Soviet dictatorship. They aim to substitute a police State for our Democracy."

"The pattern of Soviet conquest is the same the world over—to destroy both free enterprise and free Government and substitute for them a police State based on slavery. That is Russia today. That is each one of the countries which have fallen to Communism. That will be America, if they have their way."

Reds are insidiously active everywhere, he declared, "in industry, in labor, in the schools and even in the churches."

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Citing the Communist campaign of class and race hatred, of mud versus whitewash, DeMille declared "Communism can destroy anyone if it can get control of his right to work."

The Communists, he added, seek to make capitalists appear as villains, and the sordid as typical of America in the eyes of the world.

"Penetration is their method and chaos their goal," he said.

Urging alertness to the Communist danger, he stated that "American people know that, with all its faults, capitalism has brought this country the highest standard of living and personal freedom in history. Communists cannot deny that.

"Capitalism is not perfect, but there is nothing wrong with it that Communism can cure . . . Every American has a stake in capitalism. There are no jobs in closed factories.

"Don't be ashamed of capitalism," he urged his listeners, "for if America goes under, the short-sighted timidity of businessmen will be to blame."

Merely being anti-Communist is not enough, he said, "people must take a side, either American or for a foreign ideology aimed at destroying private enterprise. You can't mix the two. Nothing will mix with Communism—except poison."

Referring to Russian charges of "American imperialism," DeMille said: "If imperialism means keeping people on their feet, feeding the starving and spreading the idea of free speech and a free press, then it is bred in the bones of every real American and we can be proud of it.

"God has sown the hunger for freedom in every human heart, and God has planted the wheat of freedom here in America and given us hands to reap it and make bread for all mankind. And our work is not done, nor may we take our rest as long as anywhere in the world a human being hungers for liberty and is not fed."

DeMille was welcomed by Acting Gov. Thompson, Mayor Hartsfield, State Adj. Gen. Alpha Fowler, Dean Raimundo de Ovies and others at the luncheon over which William Jenkins presided.



Constitution Staff Photo—Hugh Stovall

**FOR "UNCONQUERED" ATLANTA**—Cecil B. DeMille (left), Hollywood producer-director, presents Mayor Hartsfield a bronze plaque commemorating Atlanta's ~~100th anniversary~~ <sup>100th anniversary</sup>. DeMille, here for the opening of his newest epic, "Unconquered," presented the plaque at a luncheon and delivered a vigorous speech against Communism.